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## AFTER FIRST CASE OF MONKEYPOX IN GUAM

# No changes to CNMI entry protocols

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. says there are no changes to entry protocols from inbound passengers from Guam following the first official Monkeypox positive case discovered in the U.S. territory over the weekend.

According to CHCC spokesperson Guillermo Li-foifoi, no changes have been made as of late to entry protocols for passengers arriving from Guam as a result of U.S. territory identifying its first Monkeypox case.

Meanwhile, in a statement

from CHCC CEO Esther Muña, CHCC remains alert and continues to monitor the development of Monkeypox in the CNMI.

"CHCC remains alert and is actively monitoring the situation in the CNMI. There are no

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## Early voting for Northern Islands to start next week

» 2 running for NI mayor; of 184 registered voters, 5 currently staying on Agrihan

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The early voting for the Northern Islands will start next week, according to Commonwealth Election Commission administrative officer Robin N. Sablan yesterday.

Sablan said early voting for the Northern Islands will start Friday, Sept. 23, from 8:30am to 4pm.



Sablan

He said they are planning to have the voting place at the CEC conference room in Susupe.

CEC needs the ballots by Sept. 22. CEC has ordered 21,680 ballots from Nebraska-based Election Systems & Software for the Nov. 8 general elections. There were a total of 19,272 registered voters

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### CLIFF FISHING

Two fishermen try their luck Sunday morning in the Pacific Ocean from atop Banzai Cliff in Marpi. While cliff fishing has its inherent dangers, some in the community have made it their favorite pastime.

MARK FARMER

## Torres doubtful Legislature can pass budget bill by deadline

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Citing the House of Representatives majority's "negligent and inappropriate actions," Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expressed doubt Friday whether the Legislature will be able to pass by the deadline a balanced budget for the government's operations in fiscal year 2023.

"I don't know if they're

» **Confident that Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee will address budget bill issues**

(Legislature) able to act on it by the deadline. Because knowing the fact of seeing what the House majority have done, really is very negligent,"



Torres

said Torres in response to a question during a KKMP press briefing.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Donald M.

Manglona (Ind-Rota), who is the author of the House budget bill, said Sunday they are preparing a response to the

governor's statements.

Torres has until Oct. 1 to enact a new budget bill into law or risk a partial shutdown of government operations.

Last Aug. 27, the House of Representatives passed the budget bill to appropriate \$109.7 million out of \$150.4 million in total budgetary resources, and \$52.6 million from the American Rescue Plan Act funds, for CNMI

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Local artist Meena Bena-vente recently beautified the walls of CHCC's Labor and Delivery Unit.

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Whether you desire a dining chair, table, sofa, side tables or consoles, a myriad of choices will help you bring a fresh modern vibe to nearly any space.

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### LIFE & STYLE

"Succession" and "Ted Lasso" topped the Emmy Awards on Monday.

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# Local

## Finance owes only \$9.8M to CHCC and not \$34.2M

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Department of Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig disclosed Friday that their final numbers show that they owe Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. \$9.8 million and not \$34.2 million as CHCC has claimed.

In response to *Saipan Tribune's* questions during a KKMP press briefing, Atalig

said some lawmakers are politicizing health care matters and no one talks about the good things that the administration has been doing to help CHCC.

"Who's paying CHCC's [Commonwealth Utilities Corp.] billings? It's the central government," he said.

Last Aug. 2, CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muña wrote to Atalig, claiming that CHCC is owed \$34.2

million to date, and that Finance has yet to transfer to the corporation several local appropriations, as well as allocations from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Muña said that soon after CHCC's fiscal year 2022 budget hearing, some lawmakers emphasized with her that CHCC needs to make a written request to Atalig's office requesting for and following up on funding appropriated to

CHCC by CNMI public laws.

That prompted Muña to write a letter to Atalig, in which she itemized the appropriations that have a balance to date.

Atalig said Friday that he submitted a letter to Muña, sharing with her that their review of CHCC's spreadsheet and Finance numbers are very different.

He said their numbers are showing that they owe \$9.8

million and that they are still working on to make sure that CHCC will get that amount.

The Finance secretary said the \$9.8 million includes a lot of payments for medical referral.

"Keep in mind when we allocated medical referral monies from ARPA it was also not just directly to give 100% to CHCC. It was also paid for past billings of medical referral," he said.

Atalig said the central government still needs to pay for those medical bills or medical expenses from the medical referral program.

He said there are misunderstandings, but some lawmakers have politicized the issue.

"We don't need to politicize this. I work closely with CHCC to make sure that we work together in all aspects," Atalig said.

The secretary said no one's talking about the assistance that the CNMI government and the Office of the Governor are giving CHCC.

He said some lawmakers are all concerned about this

spreadsheet and those figures, but they're not aware that the administration spent close to \$30 million in helping CHCC throughout this COVID-19 pandemic.

Atalig noted that they put a new parking lot for CHCC, took care of a lot of their personal protective equipment (PPEs), nurses, and traveling nurses, and that all those payments are COVID-19 expenses.

He said on top of it, his office is completely upgrading CHCC's financial system with Munis, and that Finance is not charging a penny to CHCC.

"No one wants to discuss how much we paid CHCC for their CUC bills," the secretary also stated.

Atalig said he had been at meetings trying to get CHCC and CUC boards together and resolve CHCC's outstanding utility bills.

"But all we're concerned about is this political season using the healthcare system. And what we've promised to allocate, those cannot change. We're working on that. We're still going to continue to work on it," he added.

## Torres says he wasn't invited to join radio talk show's gubernatorial forum

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said Friday that he and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie F. Sablan (R-Saipan), did not join a recent radio talk show's gubernatorial virtual forum because he was never invited.

In response to a question during a KKMP press briefing, Torres said after the forum hosted by the Marianas Agupa, he was called and asked why he did not participate.

"I said nobody called me. The radio station knows my number, said the governor, adding that he would have gladly joined the debate if he was invited.

The Marianas Agupa radio talk show held a virtual forum last Aug. 27 for gubernatorial candidates. Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) and her running mate, Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan), of the NMI Democratic Party, and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, of the unified independent, participated in the forum.

Marianas Agupa issued a press release on Aug. 18, stating that they have invited Gov. Torres, Lt. Gov. Palacios, and Rep. Sablan to the forum.

Torres said Friday he has always been open to media interviews where he shares the

insights and the right information to the community.

He reiterated that there should be a debate too among gubernatorial spouses because when they travel to the U.S. mainland and elsewhere, they represent the CNMI.

Torres said it is good to know what are the plans of the first spouse or second spouse to better the CNMI.

"Because when you're in this position, you got to do something to help the community. So I think it's important that the first and second spouse go out and then talk about what they're going to do and be proud of the things that they have accomplished," he said.

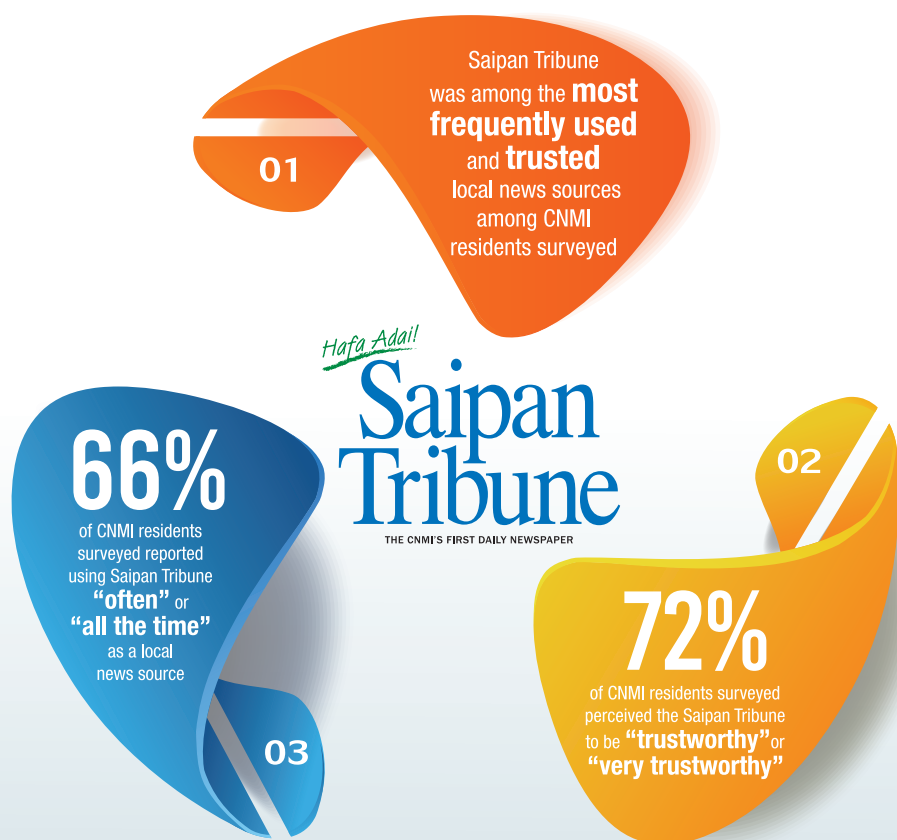
Torres said the people need to see where the first spouse or second spouse are in terms of having a drive to help the community.

The governor earlier stated that he is open to any gubernatorial debate particularly the one traditionally hosted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce announced Monday that they will host the 2022 Gubernatorial Candidate Debate for the CNMI Gubernatorial Candidates at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall on Sept. 29, 2022.

Torres, Lt. Gov. Palacios, and Rep. Sablan have been invited to participate in that debate.

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## NEWS USE AND PERCEPTIONS

Use and Perceived Trustworthiness of Media as Sources of Local News\*

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A study regarding news media use and perceptions, news media literacy, civic engagement, and community values in the Northern Mariana Islands

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## Zero hospitalizations, 5 new cases of COVID-19

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force said there are zero individuals hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 as of Sept. 12, 2022.

Similarly, they said from Sept. 4 to 10, 2022, there was zero new hospitalizations related to COVID-19.

Meanwhile, five additional individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19 from Sept. 4 to 10, 2022, bringing the CNMI total to 13,155 cases; three cases were identified prior to Sept. 4, 2022. Of the five cases recently identified three were reported on Sept. 6, 2022, one on Sept. 7, 2022, and one on Sept. 8, 2022.

The CNMI is in COVID-19 Community Level Low. Guidelines for residents of the CNMI to consider while we are in COVID-19 Community Level Low:

■ Stay up to date on vaccination, including recommended booster doses.

## 4 GCA students get national recognition

Grace Christian Academy would like to congratulate four of its students on receiving national recognition.

GCA senior Soleil Lamar has been named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. Today officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corp. announced the names of 16,000 semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These



Lamar



Saures



Tenorio



Villagomez

academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 7,250 National Merit Scholarships next spring. The national pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state/territory.

Grace Christian Academy would also like to congratulate Katriel Saures, Hannah Tenorio, and Susana Villagomez on being selected in the College Board Recognition Program as a National Indigenous Awardee (NIA). These students earned this recognition because of their academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. (PR)

■ Maintain ventilation improvements.

■ Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

■ Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

■ Follow the recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

■ If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.

■ If you test positive for COVID-19, you should stay home for at least five days and isolate from others in your home as much as possible; wear a high-quality mask if you must be around others at home and in public; should not go places where you are unable to wear a mask; should not travel; take steps to improve ventilation at home, if possible; should not share personal household items, like cups, towels, and utensils; and should monitor your symptoms.

■ If you have an emergency warning sign (like trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately.

■ If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, you should get tested for COVID-19. You should isolate if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results. If your results are positive, follow the full, updated isolation recommendations at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html).

CHCC continues to encourage the community to get vaccinated if they have not done so, or get their updated boost-

er shot if they are eligible to help prevent severe illness, hospitalization, or death. People considered high risk (e.g., history of diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, or cancer, or over the age of 65), immunocompromised persons, or unvaccinated individuals are at risk of serious illness from COVID-19. Unvaccinated individuals spread the virus at a higher rate than vaccinated individuals, thereby increasing the spread and risk of serious illness toward other unvaccinated individuals.

As of Sept. 2, 2022, a total of 24,769 COVID-19 additional/booster vaccine shots have been administered; of the eligible population, 53.8% have received an additional dose. The vaccination rate is calculated using the 2020 Census population estimates for the CNMI and includes the eligible 5-years-old and older population.

A total of 209 COVID-19 tests were conducted Sept. 4 – 10, 2022:

■ 11 on Sept. 4, 2022

■ 22 on Sept. 5, 2022

■ 37 on Sept. 6, 2022

■ 30 on Sept. 7, 2022

■ 47 on Sept. 8, 2022

■ 38 on Sept. 9, 2022

■ 24 on Sept. 10, 2022

Free COVID-19 testing is available by registering at <https://covidtesting.chcc.health>.

While you wait to get tested

or for your test results, stay at home as much as possible and limit your contact with others. Live COVID-19 safe: wear your mask based on your personal level of risk; wash your hands; watch your distance; avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces;

cover coughs and sneezes; clean and disinfect high touch surfaces daily; be alert for symptoms daily; and get tested for COVID-19.

Of the total cases identified, as of Sept. 10, 2022:

■ 13,110 recoveries

■ 5 active cases

■ 40 COVID-19-related deaths

Cases were identified via:

■ 11,979 community testing

■ 1,176 travel testing

The next COVID-19 updated from CHCC and the task force will be around Sept. 19, 2022. (PR)



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### INVITATION FOR BID

**Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters- Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Tanapag Youth Center**  
**ITB22-GOV-42200151**

The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth") on behalf of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA), is soliciting sealed bids for the supply and installation of typhoon shutters at the DCCA Tanapag Youth Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The ITB package will be available starting **September 8, 2022**, at the Office of the Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950, starting between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays upon presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CNMI Treasury by cash or credit in the amount of \$25.00 for the ITB package set.

All interested bidders must include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid package to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Pohnpei Way, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Bidding procedures shall fully comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

There will be a pre-bid meeting for this project on **September 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. ChST at the DCCA Tanapag Youth Center**. Questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Leona Delon Guerrero, Program Manager, via email at [ldguerrero@omb.gov.mp](mailto:ldguerrero@omb.gov.mp) no later than **September 28, 2022**. Responses to questions or clarification will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **ITB22-GOV-42200151 Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters- DCCA Tanapag Youth Center**. One original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 12, 2022**. Bidders outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days to receive their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 12, 2022**, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to [bidintent@dof.gov.mp](mailto:bidintent@dof.gov.mp). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 12, 2022**, and mailed to the Director of Procurement Services P.O. BOX 510008 CK, Saipan MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received no later than **October 20, 2022**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950, at **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 21, 2022**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 12, 2022**.

Bids higher than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the proposal. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety satisfactory to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the **CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the cheque: "Credit Account No. 44660"**. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, **each equal to 100%** of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Before the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit the following:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue a bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Director, to substitute an acceptable bond before executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only 1) Cash, 2) U.S. Government Securities, 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on U.S. Security Exchange, 4) Real property owned in fee simple in the U.S., and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit.

Performance time for completing this project is **120 calendar days** upon issuing a Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be **\$100.00/day**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the CNMI.

The Government reserves the right to reject any proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Patrick C. Guerrero  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**IN THE : CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-0211**  
**MATTER OF THE : ESTATE OF**  
**ESTATE OF : NOTICE OF HEARING AND**  
**TRINIDAD : NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**BENAVENTE : DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2022**  
**CAMERON : TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**Decedent. : JUDGE: JOSEPH N. CAMACHO**

**TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS,  
CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE  
TRINIDAD BENAVENTE CAMERON OF TO HER  
ESTATE:**


**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Julia B. Cameron, has petitioned the Superior Court of Northern Marianas Islands to Petition to Admit Estate to Probate and for appointment of Administratrix for the **Estate of Trinidad Benavente Cameron**, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya) P.O. Box 500730, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date at the time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. All interested persons and entities should appear at the hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or her Estate are hereby required by the law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claims should also be sent to ROBERT T. TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein- above indicated.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of September 2022.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
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# JUAN TUDELA LIZAMA

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# CTE director briefs Rotarians on PSS cohort programs

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Public School System's Career and Technical Education director Dr. Jessica Taylor gave a briefing of the CTE's cohort programs and PSS' proposed new graduation requirements during the Rotary Club of Saipan's luncheon yesterday afternoon at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Garapan.

During the meeting, Taylor shared the goals of the CTE program under PSS and a more in depth look at four of the cohort programs—Teacher Academy, Nurse Assistance Program, the Construction Program, and the Entrepreneurship Program.

Very similar to the older vocational education, the current CTE program works to provide students from high school to as young as middle school, the opportunity to feel, and receive basic training for a chosen certain career path, regardless if the student desires to go to college or seeks to dive into the workforce after high school graduation. She also added that if the student graduates from high school, but is still involved in the cohort, they may, and are encouraged to continue until receiving their certification. Taylor noted that the students will earn credits from involvement in these programs, and upon completion, will receive certifications in that chosen field.

Taylor, who previously wore many hats as teacher, counselor, vice principal, and principal over the years, shared how beneficial the program may be, especially in light of the coming CW issue in 2029.

Taylor brought up that the necessary key to making the programs ful-



CHRYSTAL MARINO

Members of the Rotary Club of Saipan pose with Public School System's Career and Technical Education director Dr. Jessica Taylor, fourth from left, after her presentation yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan.

ly successful was the participation of local industries and businesses.

"Partnerships with postsecondary and industry are important," she said "...After receiving such certification where do they go? It's one thing for us to go out and really have this conversations but if an industry or a business does not see that vision, it's very hard to work together. Really the partnership is so important, because we just need that last link of industry, getting the students in there with these certifications."

She stated that through the program's visible success stories, hopefully businesses and industries join their team to help provide a place where students may experience and adapt to the workforce developing skills through internships and such; which will not only pre-

pare them for work, but also give the student a potential jobsite after earning such credentials.

Taylor, answering a question from Rotary Club president Wendell Posadas about the \$12 million federal funding for CTE, said that the new CTE center for students was underway, with building construction to take place besides Marianas High School facing Beach Road.

Along with discussing the CTE programs, Taylor announced that new high school graduation standards are being proposed by PSS and are available for public feedback. The standards give students a wider variety of choices in electives, and the proposed standards are now being made available for public review and feedback before decision of implementation.

"We do have these that are cur-

rently being looked at, and we would like the stakeholders, our parents, our students, our educa-

tors, our industry partners to really provide their feedback, before we meet with the board." Taylor said.

## EARLY

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in the CNMI as of yesterday.

As of yesterday, there were 184 registered voters for the Northern Islands.

Sablan said five of those registered voters are currently staying on Agrihan as of last week according to the Northern Islands mayor.

The remaining NI registered voters are staying in Saipan.

Valentino Nicky Taisacan is running for Northern Islands mayor under the Republican Party, while Jocelyn Frances Aldan Kapileo is seeking the post as an independent candidate.

Current Northern Islands mayor Vicente Santos is not seeking re-election.

Nov. 7 is the end of early voting for Northern Islands, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

## TORRES

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government operations in FY 2023.

The Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chaired by Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) will hold a budget hearing today, Wednesday, at 2pm. in the Senate chamber. Set to testify are Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig, Management and Budget acting special assistant Chereese T. Palacios, and Commonwealth Medicaid acting director Vicenta R. Borja.

Torres said Friday that he has every confidence that the Senate Fiscal Affairs and Committee and the Senate majority would look into and address the issues that he and the administration have raised about in the House's version of the budget bill.

He said he is confident that senators would reconsider his budget proposal that he and the administration turned into the Legislature last April 1.

The governor said if the House majority members are sincere about helping the people, the first thing that they should do is not give themselves \$1.2 million for allocations and instead give that amount back to the Department of Corrections, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and other departments that truly need it.

"What hurts me the most is they all go out there to advocate about transparency, better governance, and protecting the community. This is what they preach," Torres said, adding that the first thing the House majority did is give themselves \$1.2 million while slashing the budget of other critical offices.

The administration's proposed

budget submitted \$1.8 million for House members' allocation, but the House budget bill increased it to \$3 million.

The governor said if the \$1.2 million is a surplus and the House majority takes that away while not hampering anybody else, he is not going to make an issue about it.

"But when you start hurting, jeopardizing other departments, other institutions for your own good, that is wrong!" Torres said.

He said since he was elected as governor, he never came out to express his disappointment with House's actions on the budget.

Torres said he is just disappointed with the House majority and the House Ways and Means Committee for getting \$1.2 million for themselves first while cutting the budget of everybody else.

The governor said they will work with the Senate to make sure that they revert this \$1.2 million funding back to the departments.

"I'm sure the Senate understands what are critical [needs]," Torres said.

He said the House majority reduced funding from the Carolinian Affairs by \$94,000 and slashed the Indigenous Affairs Office by \$89,000.

Torres said the House majority took away \$165,000 from Veterans Affairs Office, \$79,000 from the Women's Affairs Office, and \$103,000 from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

He said the House majority also cut \$973,000 from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp's budget and also slashed and reduced full time employees from other departments and programs.

## Water service interruptions on Sept. 15, 16, 17

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be scheduled water service interruptions on Sept. 15, 16, and 17, 2022, as follows:

### Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022

**Outage time:** 8:30am-4pm (estimated)

**Areas affected:** Kagman 2 (Bilembines St., Ates Dr., and Granada Dr.)

**Purpose:** To repair a possible service lateral leak along Granada Dr. in Kagman 2.

### Friday, Sept. 16, 2022

**Outage time:** 8:30am-4pm (estimated)

**Areas Affected:** As Teo (Chalan Santa Lourdes Rd. to the CUC Donnie Springs Booster, Luao Dr., Morhen Pl., Apayuhak Ln., and Gonggong Ln.)

**Purpose:** To repair three service lateral leaks along Chalan Santa Lourdes Rd. in As Teo.

### Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

**Outage Time:** 8:30am-4:30pm (estimated)

**Areas affected:** Tanapag, Achugao, and San Roque

**Purpose:** To repair a service lateral leak along Chamolinian Dr. in Tanapag.

Water service to the affected areas

is anticipated to resume by the time indicated above; however, please allow for one to two hours for the system pressure to stabilize.

For the safety of the operators at the job site, motorists are advised to take alternative routes as a portion of the road will be closed for the duration of the leak repair.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (670) 236-4333 or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)

## ENTRY

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current, suspected cases of Monkeypox," she said.

In addition, Muña encourages those who may be concerned about an active rash and fear it could be Monkeypox, to isolate themselves and to contact CHCC to confirm whether or not the rash is indeed from Monkeypox.

"If you have an active rash or other symptoms, isolate at home away from people or pets you live with,

when possible. Confirm your diagnosis by calling the CHCC at (670) 234-8950 before you visit," she said.

Symptoms of monkeypox include a rash that can look like pimples or blisters that appear on the face, inside the mouth, and on other parts of the body, such as the hands, feet, chest, genitals or anus.

Other symptoms may include fever, chills, headache, muscle ache, backache and swollen lymph nodes.

The illness typically lasts two to four weeks. Sometimes people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms. Others only experience a rash.

Guam reported its first Monkeypox case last Monday, a traveler who arrived on Guam Saturday. However, the case was only confirmed last Sunday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

According to international media outlets, Monkeypox cases in the U.S. have surpassed 20,700 putting us at the top of the list for the most reported infections reported in a country.

Currently, the highest number of cases were reported from California, Texas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois and New York, according to data from the CDC.



# THE HOUSE MAJORITY'S FY2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL

## INCREASES:

House  
Allocations

 **\$1,200,000**

## REDUCTIONS:

COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE  
CORPORATION

 **-\$973,000**

VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

 **-\$165,000**

CNMI SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

 **-\$151,000**

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL  
REHABILITATION

 **-\$103,000**

CAROLINIAN AFFAIRS OFFICE

 **-\$94,000**

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS OFFICE

 **-\$89,000**

WOMEN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE

 **-\$79,000**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

 **-56 FT Employees**

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

 **-29 FT Employees**



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**



# Local artist paints walls of CHC Labor and Delivery Unit

Local artist Meena Benavente recently beautified the walls of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Labor and Delivery Unit.

When women are in labor, this experience may last many hours or even days.

"During this time, we often send women out of their rooms to walk, mainly in the halls of the Labor and Delivery Unit. So, we wanted to enhance the experience of laboring women in the CNMI as they experience the delivery of their baby," said Rhonda DiCostanzo, Labor and Delivery department chair and midwife. "As women walk and pace, being surrounded by beauty can make that sometimes difficult experience just a little more pleasant."

Benavente painted a mural of plants, leaves, and flowers to bring a bit of island beauty indoors.



From left, Nica Legaspi, Meena Benavente, Rhonda DiCostanzo, Flavy Saimon, and Kristine Batac pose with the new mural.

"In many ways, labor and delivery and birth on Saipan is the same as in all the rest of the world. But in some

ways, labor and delivery is very different and precious here in the CNMI—these islands, these women, and

these babies are uniquely of this particular place," added DiCostanzo. "How wonderful to be able to bring beauty

to laboring women who are about to bring new life into this world."

The CHCC Sunshine Squad donated funds to get the mural painted. (PR)

## AG candidates invited to Marianas Agupa Forum

Candidates vying for the attorney general position in the Nov. 8 general elections are being invited to take part in the Marianas Agupa Forum set for Sept. 17, 2022 at 9am ChST.

The appearance of attorney general candidates is via virtual appearance on the show. Direct link will be sent out at least a day before the show.

Marianas Agupa said it is hosting this forum because the CNMI people will be heading to the polls to cast their votes for their candidates for public office including electing the next attorney general for the CNMI on Nov. 8.

This election year will be the third time the CNMI elects an attorney general and it is important to feature those who are seeking this important public office so that voters in the CNMI will be aware of who will make a positive impact in the enforcement and interpretation of Commonwealth laws, according to Marianas Agupa.

Since the attorney general is the people's lawyer, the voters want to know how the next attorney general will address issues regarding prosecution of government conflict of interest, fraudulent acts by elected officials, and advocate for consumer protection including protecting the consumers from the rising cost of electricity by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and gas prices at the pump, and the candidates' stance on criminal justice reforms.

The language will be ei-

ther in Chamorro or English and the order to respond to a question shall be by their number on the ballot.

Each of the candidates shall be given up to 5 minutes for an opening statement.

The attorney general candidates will be asked the following general questions:

■ How are you going to make a positive impact in the enforcement and interpretation of our Commonwealth laws?

■ How are you going to address the issues regarding prosecution of government conflict of interest, fraudulent acts by elected officials, past and present?

■ How are you going to advocate for consumer protection including protecting consumers from the rising cost of electricity by CUC and the gas at the pump and your stance on criminal justice reform. All the candidates shall be given up to 3 minutes for a closing statement.

A rebuttal on this question-and-answer segment is allowed but not mandatory.

All the questions will be asked and moderated by host Glenn Manglona.

The Marianas Agupa Forum on the attorney general candidates will be from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. It will also be streamed via <https://tunein.com/radio/KWAW-FM-1003-s43718/> and Marianas Agupa YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5heKROsqcSVHg-5ztadbDHA> and Marianas Agupa Facebook. (PR)



The walls of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Labor and Delivery Unit recently underwent a makeover.



Painted murals of plants, leaves, and flowers now adorn the Labor and Delivery Unit.

## Kingfisher's Noni: Noni, bitter and stinky, but good

Noni is in abundance in the Marianas. The superfruit contains over 170 vitamins and nutrients. The whole tree is valuable. It has been used for thousands of years to cure various ailments in the body. Noni's benefits are too many to list, including being an antioxidant, immune booster, and one that promotes skin health. But the bitter fruit with a stinky cheese aroma may not appeal to everyone. There is good news, there are other ways to get noni's benefits.

Kingfisher's Noni in Saipan

has been producing handmade organic products from noni and other local ingredients for over a decade. A wide range of haircare and skincare products, as well as noni juice and noni tea, is available. Kingfisher's Noni was born because of the founder, Mihwa Kim's search for natural products suitable for sensitive skin. This led to her discovering noni. Kingfisher's Noni uses noni, coconut oil, moringa, basil, lemongrass and other local ingredients in its products.

To market its products on-

line, Kingfisher's Noni has listed its products on Flame Angel's online marketplace. According to Mihwa, "before the pandemic, walk-in customers accounted for the bulk of sales from our Made in Saipan gift store. Sales plummeted when the pandemic started. There was less work for our staff and suppliers. It was depressing to see. This prompted us to look into ways to diversify our sales and marketing channels. Online marketing was identified as priority."

There are many creative products in the Marianas. The products need to be showcased, and easy to purchase. Flame Angel's goal is to help entrepreneurs and businesses reach more customers, locally and internationally. Customers can use debit/credit card and other payment methods to make purchases. Any business or entrepreneur interested in selling their products can simply register online at [www.flame-angel.com](http://www.flame-angel.com). Once listed, the products will be marketed locally and internationally. (PR)

## \$1.6M in tax refunds paid in Guam

» 55,000 filers for Tax Year 2021 paid to date

**HAGATNA, Guam**—On Sept. 8, 2022, the Department of Revenue & Taxation processed and the Department of Administration mailed checks, or paid by direct deposit, approximately 394 Tax Year 2021 and prior income tax refunds totaling \$1,574,866.48 for error-free returns filed on, or before, Aug. 27, 2022.

Refunds paid to date total \$188.7 million, of which approximately \$162.3 million

(86%) were for TY 2021. Refund payments continue to be processed weekly with this release within two weeks of filing.

NOTE: Individuals receiving payment by direct deposit will see a \$0 transaction in their bank account prior to receiving their refunds (-note). For more information or questions, contact the DRT Call Center at 635-1840/1841/7614/7651/1813. Due to high call volumes, DRT recommends utilizing the 'Contact Us' section on [myguamtax.com](http://myguamtax.com) or email [pinadmin@revtax.guam.gov](mailto:pinadmin@revtax.guam.gov). (PR)



# LDS youth help clear overgrowth in Romanum



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
The Romanum Chuuk church meetinghouse in Romanum on Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Romanum Chuuk Branch with District president Rodolfo Gacayan, his wife, and Seminary and Institute youth.

Seminary and Institute youth participated in a Helping Hands project on the island of Romanum located in the Chuuk Lagoon, part of the Federated States of Micronesia last Aug. 27.

The Romanum Branch meetinghouse, part of the Chuuk Namoneas District of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is settled on a hill, nestled in the tropical foliage of breadfruit, papaya, and coconut trees.

Sunshine and rain has encouraged overgrowth of vegetation along the path to the meetinghouse.

This Helping Hands project accomplished their goal of clearing out the overgrowth from the path leading to their church meetinghouse, making it easier for members to make their way to church service on Sundays.

“I’m so happy for the youth that served to clean the pathway to the chapel. God will bless them,” said Romanum Branch president Siramino Walter.

District president Rodolfo Gacayan and his wife, Dorina, joined in on the fun by supporting the youth’s activity by grabbing the overgrowth and removing it from the path.

Their son, Eugene, leaving for his mission to Utah at the end of September, is among the youth that participated in the activity.

Gacayan stated, “The Seminary and Institute Helping Hands project that the Romanum branch did not only help the branch and the community but creates more self-reliant youth and gives them practice serving.”

With bare feet, flip-flops and machete’s, the smiling youth in their Helping Hands vests enjoy their service of making life easier for others.

Elder and sister Green,

having made a recent trip to visit the Romanum meetinghouse and the future church house site, were able to walk the path unencumbered.

Elder Green said “What a great job the youth did in clearing this path. As we walked along the path, we could see how well manicured and groomed it was and it was easy to follow.”

These Seminary and Institute youth are great examples of Christ-like service. (PR)

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**  
**COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**  
**RFP22-CHCC/THC-020A**

**“ADDENDUM”**  
**RE-ANNOUNCEMENT/MODIFICATION OF MANDATORY SITE ASSESSMENT**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 26TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)**

**“DESIGN SERVICES FOR TINIAN HEALTH CENTER (THC) GENERATOR REPLACEMENT”**

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN DOWNLOAD THIS **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** FROM THE CHCC WEBSITE (WWW.CHCC.HEALTH). ONCE AT THE SITE, NAVIGATE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TAB ON THE LEFT NAVIGATION BAR. CLICK ON THE URL FOR THIS RFP. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER DATA TO ALLOW US TO TRACK ALL REQUESTS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

THE CHCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSAL AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN ANY PROPOSAL, IF TO DO SO SHALL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHCC. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.

**/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA**  
**CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**/S/ CORA P. ADA**  
**DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY**

**COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**CUC-IFB-22-039**

**GARAPAN SEWER MAINS AND MANHOLES REPLACEMENTS**  
**(CORAL TREE AVE., DATE STREET, CPL DERENCE JACK ROAD, PLUMERIA AVENUE, PALM STREET, GINGER AVENUE AND ROYAL PALM AVENUE)**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Garapan Sewer Mains and Manholes Replacements (Coral Tree Avenue, Date Street, CPL Derence Jack Road, Plumeria Avenue, Palm Street, Ginger Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of but not limited to the installation of gravity sewer main, new sewer manholes, replacement and rehabilitation of sewer manholes, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, relocation of existing 10-inch waterline and the abandonment of existing sewer line, removal and disposal of existing sewer manholes.

*The project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Infrastructure Recovery Program (IRP) office of the Governor. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA/IRP.*

CUC requires the project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-22-039, Garapan Sewer Mains and Manholes Replacements – Coral Tree Avenue, Date Street, CPL Derence Jack Road, Plumeria Avenue, Palm Street, Ginger Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 12, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 21, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org), with a copy to Larry Manacop, Acting Chief Engineer via email at [larry.manacop@cucgov.org](mailto:larry.manacop@cucgov.org), Dennis Formalejo, Engineer via email at [dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org](mailto:dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org) and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Purchasing Technician Senior, via email address at [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY CAMACHO**  
**Executive Director**

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
**Purchasing Administrator**

**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**  
**Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program**

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

NMHC JVA NO.	Positions:	Salary:	Opening Date	Closing Date
2022-029	CDBG-DR Receptionist (1-Position)	UNGRADED \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 Per annum	Aug. 31, 2022	Sept. 15, 2022 4:00pm
2022-030	CDBG-DR Construction Inspector (5-Positions)	UNGRADED \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 Per annum	Aug. 31, 2022	Sept. 15, 2022 4:00pm
2022-031	CDBG-DR Compliance Specialists (3-Positions)	UNGRADED \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 Per annum	Aug. 31, 2022	Sept. 15, 2022 4:00pm

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information can be accessed at [www.nmhcgov.net](http://www.nmhcgov.net) and [www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com](http://www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com).

Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; the CDBG-DR Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Ladera Building, Chalan Laulau, Beach Road; or email application and documents to [officemanager@nmhcgov.net](mailto:officemanager@nmhcgov.net).

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447 or by email to [officemanager@nmhcgov.net](mailto:officemanager@nmhcgov.net). NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/  
**JESSE S. PALACIOS**  
Corporate Director

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**DEVELOPMENT OF ECHO DOCK**  
**PORT OF SAIPAN**  
**CPA RFP NO. CPA-RFP-010-2022**  
**(CPA CONCESSION NO. SEA 2022-01)**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (“Authority”) is inviting qualified developers and their development teams to submit sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the “RFP”) and other contract provisions, for the development of Echo Dock, which is situated north of the Port of Saipan. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone. This RFP is being issued pursuant to NMIA § 40-70-205.

The RFP Package is available beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Authority’s Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport upon payment of a non-refundable administrative fee of \$200.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier’s check, or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Other than this administrative fee, proposers are not required to submit a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Authority will hold a briefing for interested parties at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, to explain the Authority’s development objectives, the RFP process, and to answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Authority’s Seaport Conference Room, George Fleming Building. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory.

All proposers are requested to pay attention to the following significant dates and times:

Date RFP Package becomes available	August 31, 2022 (8:00 AM)
Date of RFP briefing meeting <td>September 16, 2022 (10:00 AM)</td>	September 16, 2022 (10:00 AM)
Deadline to submit Notice of Intent <td>September 28, 2022 (4:00 PM)</td>	September 28, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications <td>October 13, 2022 (4:00 PM)</td>	October 13, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Notification of qualified applicants of the RFP <td>October 28, 2022</td>	October 28, 2022
Deadline for RFP submission <td>November 30, 2022 (4:00 PM)</td>	November 30, 2022 (4:00 PM)

Qualified proposers shall submit their sealed proposals to the “CPA Evaluation Committee” and mark the outside cover of its submittal as follows: “RFP Proposal: Confidential - Development of the Echo Dock, Saipan (RFP-010-2022).” Five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy on CD, DVD, or flash drive of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. CHST, Wednesday, November 30, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

**FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:**  
**/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
Executive Director

Date **8/26/2022**



# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Sen. Cruz inserts a poison pill into an important bill to help journalism

**T**he Journalism Competition and Protection Act is designed to rebalance the terribly tilted scales in America's information economy. It would create a four-year safe harbor from antitrust laws for news organizations—newspapers, websites, TV and radio stations, no matter which way they tilt politically—to come together and negotiate better terms with social media behemoths.

As local journalism suffers all across America, the task is urgent. Which apparently makes the legislation a perfect target for mischief courtesy of a smart aleck senator from Texas.

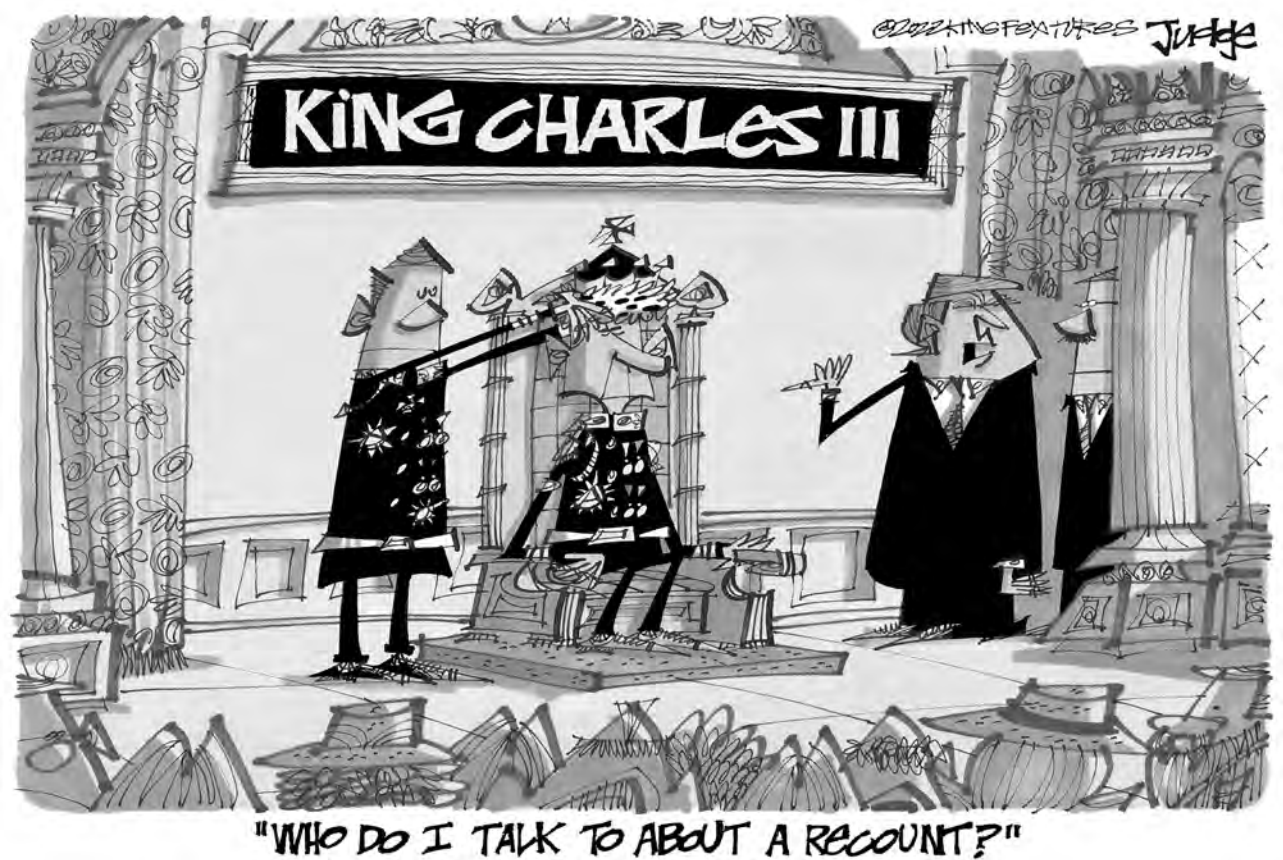
It's an accident of history that internet giants like Google and Facebook have been free to gobble up billions of dollars in advertising revenue using content they didn't create, leaving news organizations to fight over crumbs. The JCPA would at long last give these Davids collective bargaining power to strike a better deal with the Goliaths.

In the House, the JCPA's lead sponsor is New York's Jerry Nadler. In the Senate, Minnesota's Amy Klobuchar. There's strong bipartisan support, with 20 House Republicans (including Matt Gaetz and Joe Wilson) and seven Senate Republicans (including John Thune, Lindsey Graham, Susan Collins and Rand Paul) joining Democrats.

Deepest shame on a man without any, Ted Cruz, for trying to drive a rift in the emerging consensus. In a committee markup Thursday, he inserted an amendment curbing social media platforms' ability to moderate content. It's got nothing to do with the purpose of the main bill—and happens to be an assault on the freedom of expression that Cruz pretends to treasure. Under the First Amendment, the government isn't supposed to tell private companies what speech they can and can't permit.

Thanks to Cruz, a good bill now looks fatally wounded. The guy's got a talent for destroying things. What has he ever created?

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## China's economy is slowing, its population aging. That could make it dangerous

**C**hina's economy is in trouble. The juggernaut that once looked bound for global domination is slowing down—and not only in the short run.

The Chinese economy's projected growth this year has slowed to about 3%, missing the government's target of 5.5% by an embarrassingly wide margin.

After decades of galloping expansion, that would be the second-worst performance in more than 40 years. Only 2020, with its COVID-induced recession, was worse.

Unemployment among young workers has ballooned to 20%. Fuel prices are rising thanks to Russia's war in Ukraine. The overbuilt housing industry is teetering. And President Xi Jinping's draconian "COVID Zero" lockdowns have created havoc, most recently in technology-heavy Chengdu (population 21 million).

Remember when Americans fretted about China overtaking the United States to claim the title of world's largest economy? That date has been postponed to 2033 or later, and a few economists suggest it might not happen at all.

Some of those problems may be short term, driven by a slowing global economy and Xi's refusal to import foreign COVID-19 vaccines.

But China also faces long-term challenges that won't go away, beginning with an onrushing demographic decline.

The United Nations projects that China's population will shrink roughly 40% by the end of the century, from 1.4 billion to a mere 800 million or so. Some demographers say the decline will be steeper; either way, India will soon take over as No. 1.

The population decline stems from a low birthrate, which also means China's population is aging and its workforce shrinking. By 2050, more than a quarter of the population will be older than 65, Australia's Lowy Institute projects. Lowy expects China's growth rate to slow to an average of less than 3% over the next three decades as a result.

China-watchers agree on those doleful forecasts. They disagree, though, on what that means for the country's future and for U.S. policy. How does a rising superpower react when the foundations of its strength appear to be eroding?

Two foreign policy scholars, Hal Brands of Johns Hopkins and Michael Beckley of Tufts, have offered a frightening thesis: China's leaders know their power is about to diminish, and that will make them more likely to take risks in the short run—to invade Taiwan, for example.

China "is losing confidence that time is on its side," they write in a recent book, "Danger Zone: The Coming Conflict With China."

"China will have strong incentives to use force against its neighbors ... even at risk of war with the United States," they

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warn. The "moment of maximum danger," they suggest, is this decade: the 2020s.

A chorus of other China scholars have disagreed.

First, they note, there's no evidence that Xi or other leaders believe their power is declining; they continue to predict the rise of China and the decline of the West.

Even if China's economy slows down, it will be growing—still the second-largest in the world.

"Countries can muddle along with a great deal of poor economic performance and still be a major force in international politics," noted Aaron L. Friedberg of Princeton, author of "Getting China Wrong."

Besides, Xi and other Chinese leaders have a strategy for solving their economic challenge, he argued. "They see advances in technology as the key to solving all their problems," he told me. "That's how they plan to achieve higher productivity and reasonably high economic growth."

"We have to do more ... to slow down China's technological development," he said, beginning with tighter controls on the export to Beijing of U.S. and other Western technology.

A rosier scenario, Friedberg and others noted, is that a slowing economy could induce China's leaders to devote less spending to military strength and more to improving the lives of the Chinese people.

"We should not assume that a weaker China would be aggressive," Bonnie S. Glaser of the German Marshall Fund argued. "China could turn inward. Maybe China isn't as intent on unification with Taiwan as it is on internal stability."

So the 21st century may not be Chinese after all. China's rise to global power is neither inevitable nor foreordained.

But even an aging China with a slow-growing economy will be a powerful commercial, technological and military competitor. At least until the end of Xi's third term in 2027, its leaders will still be ambitious, still bent on absorbing Taiwan, still intent on supplanting the United States as the dominant power in Asia.

China's challenge is changing its shape, but it isn't going away.



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**‘Residents, visitors have the right to be safe’**

By MARK FARMER

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Taking into consideration the governor’s recent comment about criminals that commit crimes against tourists (that they should be given maximum sentences, to which I agree), one might be given to believe that tourists are the only people who matter. You would also think that he hasn’t had four years in office to act and do something about problems that his government continues to ignore on a daily basis.

Driven by meth addiction, familial/domestic/sexual violence, the relative ease with which to sell stolen items and chronically light criminal sentencing practices, recidivist-driven crime is fact in the CNMI as are crimes against visitors and the serial sexual harassment of tourist women and girls on the beaches.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR****Veto of PSYPACT bill**

We are writing in response to the *Saipan Tribune* article of Sept. 8, 2022: “Torres vetoes Sablan, Propst’s bill for lack of info as to costs.”

This bill was intended to open greater access to much needed mental health resources for the CNMI. It was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives and Senate, and was supported by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, as well as the undersigned psychologists.

However, the article indicates that there is some confusion about PSYPACT (Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact) that we would like to clarify. First, this is not a program that the CNMI administers. It is a legal agreement between participating states and territories to allow already licensed psychologists to provide services into other participating states and territories. The governing body is the PSYPACT Commission, and every participating state and territory has a representative on that commission.

The costs associated with PSYPACT are truly minimal: any necessary travel by the CNMI PSYPACT representative is paid for by the PSYPACT Commission. There are no costs to the CNMI for any licensed psychologist from another state or territory who is authorized under PSYPACT to practice here. There is a state assessment fee of \$10 for any licensed psychologist here who participates in the compact—if no CNMI licensed psychologists participate, there is no fee. There are currently six licensed psychologists in the CNMI. If all of us chose to become authorized under PSYPACT, the cost to the CNMI would be \$60. Most states pay this fee, but it could be passed on to the authorized psychologists, resulting in no cost to the CNMI. Any PSYPACT authorized psychologist pays their own application fees. That’s it. There are no other costs to the CNMI.

We are completely in support of having more local licensed psychologists. In fact, Dr. Jennifer Maratita, Dr. Amanda Hughes, and Dr. Glenda George have returned to the CNMI to practice here. While capacity is building, though, we have an urgent unmet need for services that PSYPACT can help meet. Teletherapy has been shown to successfully address mental health needs in most cases. PSYPACT also provides for a 30-day period of in-person, face-to-face services if an authorized psychologist comes to the CNMI.

PSYPACT, as an interjurisdictional compact, cannot dictate billing and payment decisions. These will need to be addressed through separate legislation.

It is our hope that with these clarifications, the PSYPACT bill will be reconsidered soon. We are happy to answer any questions or concerns about PSYPACT. These can be addressed to Dr. Erhard at [anne.erhard@pacificclinical.com](mailto:anne.erhard@pacificclinical.com)

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Due to multiple medical problems (including being immunocompromised), I don’t get out a lot, though when I do I rent a car to visit our beautiful beaches, World War II battlefields, and to run errands and get supplies. I often talk with tourists—particularly on the streets of Garapan or on the beaches and at tourist sites.

One young woman from South Korea recently summed up her experience here: “So pretty but not safe.” She was embarrassed but went on to tell me of two local men who harassed her and a female friend on Micro Beach and then followed them when they departed in their rental car. The experience was totally unwanted and scary and is likely how the two of them will remember Saipan and will likely tell friends, family and co-workers of the experience. That’s the kind of tourism outreach we don’t need.

Other tourists related of being harassed and not feeling safe enough to leave their stuff on the beaches when swimming or in their rental cars when parked in tourist areas. Some related frightening confrontations with aggressive drunks/meth users and harassment they received in downtown Garapan.

Since I use rental cars and look like an obvious outsider, I’ve had local dudes in old beater rigs persistently follow me. I’ve had cars flash their lights and try to stop me in areas of Marpi and the eastern and southern sides of the island. I was at Pau Pau Beach last week and decided to keep an eye on the parked car from a distance. Sure enough, after less than 10 minutes, two guys in an old pickup started to cruise the parking lot and they stopped right next to my car (the only one in the parking lot) and one got out and checked if anything was visible on the seats or floor. I’ve had repeated instances of men appearing out of bushes near the beach right by gear/food/water that I’ve left while wading and I had to yell at them and chase them off. From talking with locals who work at the resorts, sexual harassment and targeting by local men of tourist women and

female staff happens with regularity at the resorts and on excursion tours. Bad actors constantly cruise the streets and beaches for easy targets to rip off, rob, or harass and this extends into our neighborhoods too. Most South Korean and Japanese visitors will not report the crimes due to the victim stigma that comes with reporting and language/cultural barriers.

This is unacceptable. Both locals and visitors have the right to be safe, to not be assaulted, robbed, followed, or harassed.

So there are two choices: either we as a community do something about this escalating problem or we continue to do next to nothing.

Local law enforcement needs the support (in terms of manpower hours and equipment) to put the beach parking lots and beaches under surveillance, both random physical patrols and video. Maybe it’s time for government/police-sponsored volunteer patrols? That we have to consider this sucks but I also know neighbors and other local people that now don’t allow their children to go to neighborhood playgrounds and beaches without supervision. Tinted windows on cars should be made illegal as it allows stalkers and criminals to “case” places, houses, businesses, and people without being seen in the process. It’s time for mandatory maximum sentences for parole violations with previously violent offenders, repeat crimes, violent crimes, crimes of a sexual nature and against women and children. At a most basic level this is a failure of education. People should be taught from an early age so that they know what behaviors are simply not to be tolerated no matter who what. Locals, neighbors, tourists, and outsiders alike are not people deserving to be targeted, robbed, harassed, assaulted, or exploited and there must be zero tolerance for violent crimes against women, children, and elders.

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**Please, please fix our schools**

Oh no, please, say it isn’t true. But yes, of course it is, and it’s not exactly a surprise. We have had a report, the National Assessment of Educational Progress, showing that students in our schools are faring egregiously worse in reading and math than before COVID-19 interference, with two whole decades of progress erased for one age group.

The calamity is mainly a consequence of you know what: school shutdowns urged by teachers’ unions and the discovery that teaching with computers is about as enlightening as TikTok. Were the shutdowns necessary for virus evasion? Scientists argued with scientists but, as data accumulated, the case grew that classes could be reasonably safe for both students and teachers on certain levels. There were countries with open schools from the start that said hey, look, all is fine. Sadly, nothing counted in this dispute so much as the teachers’ unions that too often put teachers before students and remain persuasive through votes, political donations and propaganda, all prompting the affection of certain politicians.

Congress made \$190 billion available in government money in 2020 and 2021 for safety measures when schools opened even as many still stayed motionless. But even though classrooms are now in action, too many are making up for lost time by focusing on gender and gender pronouns. Not just a handful of schools are instructing students that we have a historically embedded system of oppression while some schools are highlighting a book calling our founders frauds. It’s an offshoot of the New York Times’ “1619 Project” meant to save us from what the paper has called a “corrupt mythology” while making it clear that just about everything American is a consequence of slavery. Some of the country’s best historians say phooey even though the key player obtained a Pulitzer Prize, thereby demeaning the Pulitzer Prize.

We learn from a Wall Street Journal editorial that one analysis of learning decay contends the problems actually arose from “classroom disruptions” in, ahem, closed classrooms. Along the same lines, the FBI disregarded the First Amendment protecting freedom of speech by keeping a close eye on parents keeping a close eye on school boards that has paid off in recent elections. President Joe Biden, currently telling us how right-wing extrem-

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ists are ruining America, once said while running for the presidency, “This is a national emergency. President Trump doesn’t have a real plan for opening schools safely. He’s offering nothing but failures and delusions.” Biden was going to achieve this objective in his first 100 days and got there with lots of outside help hundreds of days later.






The horror is what’s been done to students since a test just two years ago. We now have far greater numbers of high school dropouts, far fewer numbers going to college, far less in projected lifetime earnings, shorter attention spans and even serious psychological problems, for starters. One of the most frightening statistics is 9-year-old students scoring lower in reading and math than they did two whole decades ago, with the New York Times quoting an expert as saying the scores are “predictive” of what’s to come.

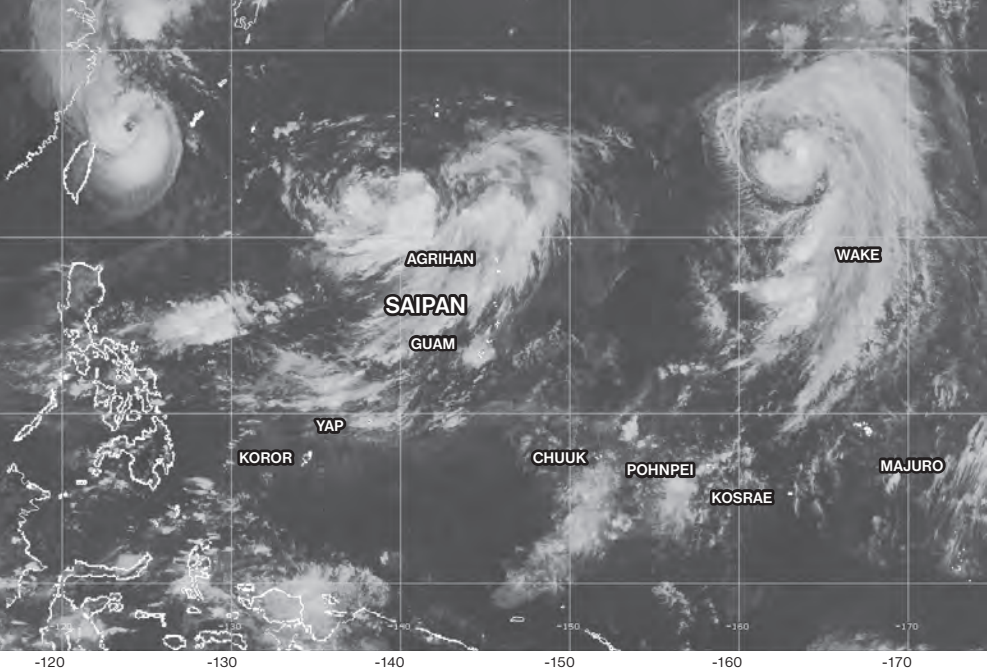
Those most in danger are Black, Hispanic and low-income white students, and while there are reasons for a sense of continued tragedy, no hope in sight, there can maybe be some hope if we finally fix our schools. Another Times expert says a fundamental need is students spending more time learning with tutors and after-school sessions. Maybe we should shorten summer vacations. I also think there should be more sessions with parents to get them involved in educational goals. We should have school choice for all. The teaching of history and science should steer clear of woke philosophy. The job of teachers is to teach academics, not to mold personalities or sex identity. Schools should avoid ideology and focus more on reading and math on the elementary level.

The last thing we want is later talk of the COVID generation.



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
									
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy,		Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy,		Scattered showers. Mostly cloudy		Scattered showers. Mostly cloudy		Scattered showers. Partly sunny,	
87°	79°	87°	78°	87°	78°	86°	78°	87°	78°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 9:30 AM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Heavy showers that moved across Guam overnight have dissipated, but skies remain mostly cloudy across the Marianas, and new showers are already developing west and south of Guam and Rota. Gentle south winds persist across the region as a weak monsoon pattern takes shape south of developing tropical cyclones up north of 20N. Seas range from 2 to 4 feet at the buoys, with the main swell from the west.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Palau	Partly Cloudy	87° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	87° / 76°	
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:05 AM	6:19 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:18 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:18 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:17 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:16 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	9:16 AM	9:07 PM
Thursday	-	10:09 AM	9:49 PM
Friday	-	11:02 AM	10:33 PM
Saturday	-	11:55 AM	11:19 PM
Sunday	-	12:48 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Showers	59° / 45°	
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	89° / 66°	
Hong Kong	Sunny	94° / 82°	
Honolulu	Sunny	87° / 75°	
London	Light Rain	72° / 55°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	83° / 67°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	89° / 76°	
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	65° / 54°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	89° / 79°	
New York	Cloudy	82° / 63°	
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	95° / 78°	
Paris	Thunderstorms	77° / 62°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy/Wind	80° / 74°	
Rome	Partly Cloudy	88° / 73°	
Salem	Sunny	83° / 60°	
San Francisco	Cloudy	68° / 59°	
Seoul	Light Rain	82° / 68°	
Tokyo	Cloudy	87° / 68°	
Washington, DC	Cloudy	81° / 59°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:18 AM	Low Tide	0.36	
10:23 AM	High Tide	1.83	
4:30 PM	Low Tide	0.79	
10:01 PM	High Tide	1.85	

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6	UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily	PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
SAIPAN-NARITA				NARITA-SAIPAN			
UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5	UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1	2, 4, 7
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7	7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6	7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	4
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 4, 7	7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	3, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6	OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
				TW307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
				TW307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7	BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7	7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

### INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN			TINIAN TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)	7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.		10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)	4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)
SAIPAN TO ROTA			ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.		9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.		2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	
SAIPAN TO GUAM			GUAM TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.		12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.		6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA				ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily	3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun				
				3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily	3103	16:30	17:00	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				GUAM TO ROTA			
LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily	2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily	2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
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1211	17:00	17:15	Daily	2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

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# Business

## Cheaper gas likely slowed high US inflation for a 2nd month

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—A sign that the painful inflation of the past 18 months may be gradually easing could come Tuesday, when the government is expected to report that the acceleration in U.S. prices slowed in August compared with a year ago for a second straight month.

Economists have forecast that the report will show that prices jumped 8.1% from 12 months earlier, down from a four-decade high of 9.1% in June and 8.5% in July, according to data provider FactSet. Sharply lower gas prices are behind much of the decline, along with the costs of used cars, air fares and clothing.

On a monthly basis—the figures the Federal Reserve, the agency charged with fighting inflation, monitors most closely—consumer prices are predicted to have dropped 0.1% in August. It would be the first outright decline in month-over-month inflation since May 2020 and would follow a flat reading in July.

Inflation has escalated families' grocery bills, rents and utility costs, among many other expenses, inflicting hardships on households and deepening gloom about the economy despite strong job growth and historically low unemployment.



A driver delivers 8,500 gallons of gasoline at an ARCO gas station in Riverside, Calif., Saturday, May 28, 2022.

AP

Yet the signs that inflation might have peaked could bolster Democrats' prospects in the midterm elections and may already have contributed to slightly higher public approval ratings for President Joe Biden. In his speeches, Biden has generally stopped

referring to the impact of high prices on family budgets. He has instead highlighted his administration's recent legislative accomplishments, includ-

ing a law enacted last month that's intended to reduce pharmaceutical prices and fight climate change.

Still, Republicans blame

Biden's \$1.9 trillion financial rescue package, passed in March 2021, for contributing to higher prices. The legislation provided a third stimulus

check and enhanced unemployment benefits, boosting consumers' ability to spend.

Many mainstream economists generally agree, though they also blame snarled supply chains, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and widespread shortages of items such as semiconductors for fueling inflation. In recent months, though, supply chain backups have eased considerably, and so have chip shortages. Oil prices have dropped to about \$88 a barrel, down from a peak of \$123 in March.

The average cost of a gallon of gas fell to \$3.72 nationwide on Monday, down from just above \$5 in mid-June. And many businesses are reporting signs that supply backlogs and inflation are beginning to fade.

Elaine Buckberg, chief economist at General Motors, said the pandemic disruptions to overseas production of semiconductors, which have reduced auto output, "have largely dissipated and we're in a much better position now." Supply chain disruptions overall, she said, have improved about 80% from the worst days of the pandemic.

## Thousands of Minnesota nurses launch three-day strike over pay

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)**—Thousands of nurses in Minnesota launched a three-day strike Monday, pressing for salary increases they say will help improve patient care by resolving understaffing stresses that have worsened in the coronavirus pandemic.

Some 15,000 nurses at seven health care systems in the Minneapolis and Duluth areas walked out, a number the union says makes it the largest strike ever by private-sector nurses. The affected hospitals said they have recruited temporary nurses and expected to maintain most services.

Scores of nurses began walking the picket line at 7 a.m. outside Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, one of 15 hospitals affected. Clad in the red T-shirts of the Minnesota Nurses Association and carrying signs with such slogans as, "Something has got to give," several said their chief concern was patient safety.

Tracey Dittrich, 50, a registered nurse at the hospital for nearly 24 years, said nurses are tired of "hospital administrators and managers that are

telling us to do more." The hospitals need more nurses and more support staff, and higher pay will help, she said.

"There are shifts where you have three critically ill patients, and you have to decide which patient gets the care, when," Dittrich said. "I work with people all the time that go home every day and feel horrible because one child had to wait longer for medication, or another child needed to wait longer for an IV. Another child maybe had to wait for a breathing treatment because we just couldn't get to them all fast enough."

Union spokesman Sam Fetting said the nurses chose a three-day strike, rather than an open-ended walkout, out of concern for patients.

The hospitals have offered a 10-12% wage increase over three years, but nurses are seeking more than 30%. Hospital leaders called their wage demands unaffordable, noting that Allina and Fairview hospitals have posted operating losses and that the cost of such sharp wage increases would be passed along to patients.

## North Sea nations plan huge expansion of wind power by 2050

**BERLIN (AP)**—Nine nations bordering the North Sea announced plans Monday to massively increase offshore wind power in the coming decades as part of an effort to combat climate change and become independent of fossil fuel imports, particularly from Russia.

German officials said mem-

bers of the North Seas Energy Cooperation aim to expand wind power generation in the region to 76 gigawatts by 2030.

Subsequent targets are for 193 gigawatts of wind power in the North Sea by 2040 and 260 gigawatts by mid-century. Germany's Economy and Energy Ministry said current

generation capacity in the region is less than 20 gigawatts.

The countries that agreed to those goals include Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. The United Kingdom, whose territory is surrounded by the North Sea and which has

significant offshore wind plans of its own, is not a member of the group since leaving the European Union in January 2020.

Last month, seven European countries bordering the neighboring Baltic Sea committed themselves to a seven-fold increase of offshore wind power production there by 2030.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### US takes aim at some Trump offshore safety rule rollbacks

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—The U.S. Department of the Interior said Monday that it wants to reverse some Trump administration rollbacks of offshore safety rules to prevent blowouts like the BP catastrophe that killed 11 people and fouled the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. "This proposed rulemaking will help ensure that offshore energy development utilizes the latest science and technology to keep people safe," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in a news release. "As our nation transitions to a clean energy economy, we must commit to strengthening and modernizing offshore energy standards and oversight." The changes are a step in the right direction but not far enough, said Diane Hoskins of the ocean environmental nonprofit Oceana. "No

operator can promise there won't be another disaster like BP's Deepwater Horizon blowout. The only way to prevent offshore drilling disasters is to permanently protect our coasts and workers from new offshore leasing," she said in an emailed statement.

#### Lebanon: Central Bank lifts all expensive fuel subsidies

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Lebanon's central bank lifted its remaining subsidies on fuel on Monday, gas station owners said, ending a year-long process of scaling back on the expensive program. The Central Bank over a year ago announced it would gradually lift fuel subsidies, to slow down the draining of its foreign exchange reserves. Fuel subsidies once cost the cash-strapped country some \$3 billion annually. Last week, it subsidized just 20%

of the cost of fuel imports. Lebanon is in the throes of a crippling economic crisis that has plunged three-quarters of its population into poverty and decimated the value of the Lebanese pound against the dollar by around 90 percent. The World Bank has described the collapse as one of the worst in the world in the last 150 years. Now, gas station owners will price fuel at the country's "parallel market rate"—also known as the black market rate, Gas Station Owners' Syndicate spokesperson George Brax told The Associated Press.

#### Bill Gates: Technological innovation would help solve hunger

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Bill Gates says the global hunger crisis is so immense that food aid cannot fully address the problem. What's also

needed, Gates argues, are the kinds of innovations in farming technology that he has long funded to try to reverse the crisis documented in a report released Tuesday by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Gates points, in particular, to a breakthrough he calls "magic seeds," crops engineered to adapt to climate change and resist agricultural pests. The Gates Foundation on Tuesday also released a map that models how climate change will likely affect growing conditions for crops in various countries to highlight the urgent need for action. In assigning technology a pre-eminent role in addressing the world's food crisis, Gates puts himself at odds with critics who say his ideas conflict with worldwide efforts to protect the environment. They note that such seeds generally need pesticides and fossil fuel-based fertilizers to grow.



# Nation

## California weather helps firefighters but unleashes floods

**FORESTHILL, Calif.** (AP)—Calmer weather in Northern California helped firefighters battle a smoky wildfire threatening thousands of mountain homes on Monday, while remnants of last week's Pacific hurricane continued to produce thunderstorms that caused flash flooding in the southern part of the state, where crews made headway against another huge blaze.

Major fires were also burning in Oregon and Washington, blanketing swaths of the Western states in thick smoke and prompting alarms about unhealthy air quality.

The Mosquito Fire in the foothills east of Sacramento spread to 76 square miles (197 square kilometers), with 16% containment, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire.

Firefighters were able to take advantage of cooler temperatures and higher humidity Monday to strengthen control lines, according to a Cal Fire status update. But officials remain concerned about a large area of dense unburned forest to the east of the blaze that could be "very receptive" to fire activity.

More than 5,800 structures in Placer and El Dorado coun-



Firefighters walk past backfire, flames lit by firefighters to burn off vegetation, while battling the Mosquito Fire in the Volcanoville community of El Dorado County, Calif., on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022.

ties were under threat, and some 11,000 residents of communities including Foresthill and Georgetown were under evacuation orders.

In Southern California, milder temperatures and rain aided crews battling the massive Fairview Fire about 75

miles (121 kilometers) southeast of Los Angeles after days of sweltering heat.

The 44-square-mile (114-square-kilometer) blaze was more than half-contained Monday morning. The fire has destroyed at least 30 homes and other structures

in Riverside County. Two people died while fleeing the blaze Sept. 5.

The southern part of the state welcomed the cooler weekend weather after what's left of Hurricane Kay veered off the Pacific Coast and faded, helping put an end to blis-

tering temperatures that nearly overwhelmed the state's electrical grid.

But unstable air persisted, and powerful thunderstorms unleashed flash floods that inundated roads and highways—closing one roadway along the California-Nevada border—across inland areas.

More than 50 people were rescued after mudslides trapped at least 24 cars and a responding fire truck in the mountainous Lake Hughes area north of Los Angeles on Sunday. No injuries were reported.

In San Bernardino County, east of Los Angeles, officials reported flash flooding and mudslides in areas that burned during wildfires in 2020, including the El Dorado Fire that was sparked by a gender reveal party. A firefighter was later killed in the blaze, and the couple accused of starting the fire have been criminally charged in a pending case.

## Woman accused of killing woman for her unborn baby goes on trial

**NEW BOSTON, Texas** (AP)—A Texas woman accused of killing a woman to steal her unborn baby to present as her own went on trial for capital murder Monday.

Taylor Rene Parker has pleaded not guilty to capital murder and kidnapping in the October 2020 deaths of 21-year-old Regan Michelle Simmons-Hancock and the daughter who died after being cut from her mother's womb. Authorities say Simmons-Hancock was stabbed and cut more than 100 times and had her skull crushed with a hammer in her New Boston, Texas, home before a scalpel was used to remove her unborn baby. She is also charged with non-capital murder in connection with the baby's death.

Assistant District Attorney Kelley Crisp told the Bowie County jury Monday that Parker, 29, acted not because she wanted a baby but to keep from losing her boyfriend. Crisp said Parker disguised herself to make her look pregnant for nearly 10 months, faked ultrasounds, had a gender-reveal party and posted about her fake pregnancy on social media while searching for a possible victim, Crisp said.

"How did we get here?" Crisp asked the jury. "How did it get this far? She is an actress, an actress of the highest order. The lies and fraud go on and on; the layers of fraud

are staggering. You are going to have to understand the fraud to understand what happened on Oct. 9. This started months and months ahead of time until it passed the point of no return, and it ended up in homicide."

Leaving the victim's 3-year-old daughter alone with her dying mother, Parker then drove with the baby in her lap when a state trooper stopped the car and sent the child to a hospital in nearby Idabel, Oklahoma, authorities say. The child later died.

Witnesses said Parker, who could not conceive after a hysterectomy, had offered \$100,000 for a surrogate mother and told her boyfriend that she would have an induced delivery the day of the killing.

Defense attorney Jeff Harrelson asked the six male and six female jurors not to fall prey to their emotions and to keep an open mind.

"It's a complicated case, factually and emotionally," he said. "The law is the lens and filter you must view these facts through. Sometimes it's not black and white but a shade of gray."

Parker could get the death penalty or life in prison without parole if convicted of capital murder. Attorneys estimated they would present at least two weeks of testimony.

New Boston is about 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of Texarkana, Texas.

## Biden hopes ending cancer can be a 'national purpose' for US

**BOSTON** (AP)—President Joe Biden on Monday urged Americans to come together for a new "national purpose"—his administration's effort to end cancer "as we know it."

At the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Biden channeled JFK's famed moonshot speech 60 years ago, likening the space race to his own effort and hoping it, too, would galvanize Americans.

"He established a national purpose that could rally the American people and a common cause," Biden said of Kennedy's space effort, adding that "we can usher in the same unwillingness to postpone."

Biden hopes to move the U.S. closer to the goal he set in February of cutting U.S. cancer fatalities by 50% over the next 25 years and dramatically improving the lives of caregivers and those suffering from cancer. Experts say the objective is attainable—with adequate investments.

The president called his goal of developing treatments and therapeutics for cancers "bold, ambitious, and I might add, completely doable."

In his speech, Biden called on the private sector to make



Biden

drugs more affordable, and data more regularly available. He ticked off medical advancements possible with focused research, funding and data.

And he spoke of a new federally backed study that seeks evidence for using blood tests to screen against multiple cancers—a potential game-changer in diagnostic testing to dramatically improve early detection of cancers.

Danielle Carnival, the White House coordinator for the effort, told The Associated Press that the administra-

tion sees huge potential in the commencement of the blood diagnostic study on identifying cancers.

"One of the most promising technologies has been the development of blood tests that offer the promise of detecting multiple cancers in a single blood test and really imagining the impact that could have on our ability to detect cancer early and in a more equitable way," Carnival said. "We think the best way to get us to the place where those are realized is to really test out the technologies we have today and see what works and what really has an impact on extending lives."

## Wreckage from float plane crash in Puget Sound located

**SEATTLE** (AP)—The wreckage of a floatplane that crashed into the waters of Washington state's Puget Sound last week has been found on the sea floor, The National Transportation Safety Board said Monday.

The NTSB said the depth and motion of the water hid the wreckage for several days,

The Seattle Times reported.

Sonar located a "large section" similar in length and width to the plane about 190 feet (58 meters) below the surface of Puget Sound near Whidbey Island, according to spokesperson Jennifer Gabris.

Investigators, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Univer-

sity of Washington's Applied Physics Laboratory scoured a 1.75-by-0.75-mile (2.8-by-1.2 kilometer) area where witnesses said the plane had crashed.

Because of the depth and 3-5 knot currents, the NTSB is seeking a remotely operated vehicle to recover the wreckage. The NTSB had said that crash details, including the

cause of the crash, couldn't be determined until more of the wreckage was found.

Ten people were on the Sunday flight from Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands to the Seattle suburb of Renton when it crashed on Sept. 4. The only body that has been found was identified last week as Gabby Hanna of Seattle.



# Asia

## Philippines extending its state of calamity for virus pandemic



Passengers wearing face masks wait at a bus stop in Metro Manila, Philippines on Sept. 8, 2022. AP

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is extending a state of calamity declared by his predecessor more than two years ago to deal with continuing concerns over the coronavirus pandemic, an official said Monday.

Press Secretary Trixie Cruz-Angeles also said a previously announced plan to lift the compulsory wearing of masks outdoors will take effect immediately throughout the country, except in crowded areas where people cannot observe social distancing.

The Philippines and Myanmar were the last two countries in Southeast Asia that still required the wearing of masks outdoors, Philippine officials said.

They said they would assess whether indoor mask requirements can be lifted toward the end of the year in areas where an increased number of people receive coronavirus booster shots.

Previous President Rodrigo Duterte placed the entire Philippines under a state of calamity in March 2020 because of the coronavirus, and then extended it to allow emergency

funds to be disbursed rapidly.

Cruz-Angeles said at a news conference that the state of calamity, which was to expire Monday, may be extended by about three months, primarily to allow emergency purchases and provide hazard allowances for health care workers.

The Philippines, among the hardest hit by the coronavirus in Southeast Asia, imposed one of the longest lockdowns in the world, which caused its worst economic recession in decades and deepened poverty, hunger and unemployment.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Seoul says N. Korea will self-destruct if it uses nukes

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—South Korea warned Tuesday North Korea that using its nuclear weapons would put it on a “path of self-destruction,” in unusually harsh language that came days after North Korea legislated a new law that would allow it to use its nuclear weapons preemptively. North Korea will likely be infuriated by the South Korean rhetoric as Seoul typically shuns such strong words to avoid raising tensions on the Korean Peninsula. South Korea’s Defense Ministry said the legislation would only deepen North Korea’s isolation and prompt Seoul and Washington to “further strengthen their deterrence and reaction capacities.” To get North Korea not to use its nuclear weapons, the ministry said South Korea will sharply boost its own preemptive attack, missile defense and massive retaliation capacities while seeking a greater U.S. security commitment to defend its ally South Korea with all available capabilities, including nuclear one.

#### China’s Xi heads abroad to promote strategic role

**BEIJING** (AP)—President Xi Jinping is using his first trip abroad since the start of the pandemic to promote China’s strategic ambitions at a summit with Russia’s Vladimir Putin and other leaders of a Central Asian security group. The Chinese leader is promoting a “Global Security Initiative” announced in April following the formation of the Quad by Washington, Japan, Australia and India in response to Beijing’s more assertive foreign policy. Xi has given few details, but U.S. officials complain it echoes Russian arguments in support of Moscow’s attack on Ukraine. Xi, 69, is due to meet Putin in Uzbekistan this week at a summit of the eight-member Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which also includes Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan. “China and Russia share the same stance in opposing the Western practice of imposing sanctions and overthrowing regimes of other countries,” said Li Xin, director of Shanghai University of Political Science and Law’s Institute of European and Asian Studies.

# World

## Ukraine reclaims more territory

**KHARKIV, Ukraine** (AP)—Ukrainian troops expanded their territorial gains Monday, pushing all the way to the country’s northeastern border in places, and claimed to have captured a record number of Russian soldiers as part of the lightning advance that forced Moscow to make a hasty retreat.

A spokesman for Ukrainian military intelligence said Russian troops were surrendering en masse as “they understand the hopelessness of their situation.” A Ukrainian presidential adviser said there were so many POWs that the country was running out of space to

accommodate them.

Blue-and-yellow Ukrainian flags fluttered over newly liberated towns across a wide swath of reclaimed land. The Ukrainian military said it had freed more than 20 settlements in 24 hours. In recent days, Kyiv’s forces have captured territory at least twice the size of greater London, according to the British Defense Ministry.

After months of little discernible movement on the battlefield, the momentum has lifted Ukrainian morale and provoked rare public criticism of Russian President Vladimir Putin’s war.

“In some areas of the front,

our defenders reached the state border with the Russian Federation,” said Oleh Syniehubov, governor of the north-eastern Kharkiv region.

The counteroffensive left the Kremlin struggling for a response to its largest military defeat in Ukraine since Russian forces pulled back from areas near Kyiv after a botched attempt to capture the capital early in the invasion.

The Russian Defense Ministry acknowledged the setback in a map that showed its troops pressed back along a narrow patch of land on the border with Russia—a tacit admission of big Ukrainian gains.

## Queen hailed in Scotland as a ‘constant in all our lives’

**EDINBURGH, Scotland** (AP)—As Queen Elizabeth II’s four children walked silently behind, a hearse carried her flag-draped coffin Monday along a crowd-lined street in the Scottish capital to a cathedral, where a service of thanksgiving hailed the late monarch as a “constant in all of our lives for over 70 years.”

Four days after the 96-year-old queen died at Balmoral Castle in the Scottish Highlands, a military bagpiper played as her oak coffin, draped in the red-and-yellow Royal Standard of Scotland, was borne from the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh in a solemn procession.

King Charles III, dressed

in army uniform, and his siblings Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward walked behind as the hearse traveled to St. Giles’ Cathedral, flanked by a bearer party of the Royal Regiment of Scotland and a detachment of the Royal Company of Archers, the king’s ceremonial bodyguard in Scotland.

Inside the church, the coffin was placed on a wooden stand and topped with the golden Crown of Scotland, encrusted with 22 gems and 20 precious stones along with freshwater pearls from Scotland’s rivers.

“And so we gather, to bid Scotland’s farewell to our late monarch, whose life

of service to the nation and the world we celebrate. And whose love for Scotland was legendary,” said the Rev. Calum MacLeod.

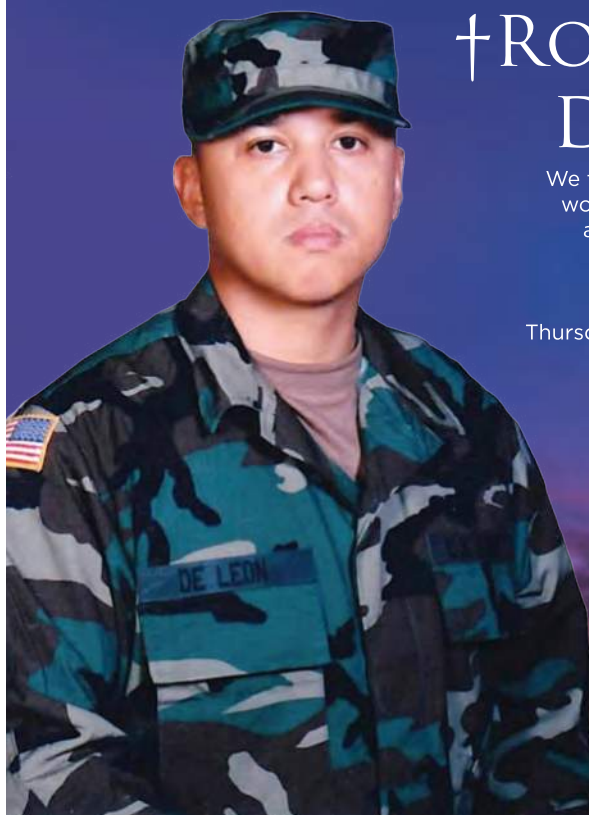
Because the queen died at her summer home of Balmoral, Scotland has been the focus of the world’s attention for the first part of Britain’s 10 days of national mourning. Large crowds have lined the route as her coffin journeyed from the castle to Edinburgh, underscoring the deep bond between the queen and Scotland. That bond persisted even as relations soured between the Conservative U.K. government in London and the pro-independence Scottish administration in Edinburgh.

## ★ TEN YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY ★

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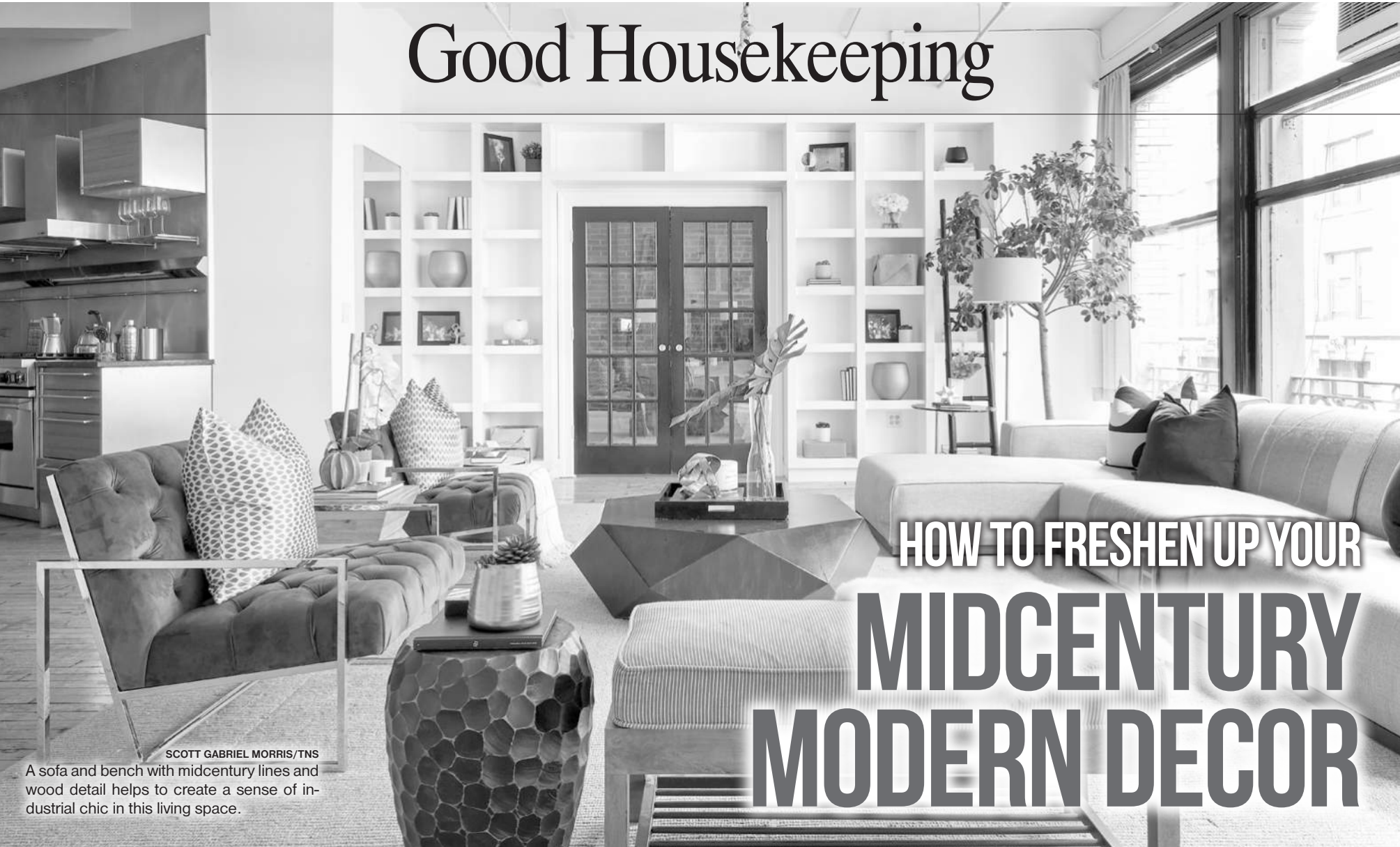


We thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.  
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# Good Housekeeping

## HOW TO FRESHEN UP YOUR MIDCENTURY MODERN DECOR

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS  
A sofa and bench with midcentury lines and wood detail helps to create a sense of industrial chic in this living space.

By CATHY HOBBS  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Midcentury modern remains a staple in home decor. Whether you desire a dining chair, table, sofa, side tables or consoles, a myriad of choices will help you bring a fresh modern vibe to nearly any space.

Not sure where to begin, or how to incorporate midcentury modern elements into your home? Here are some key elements to look out for.

### NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JOANN DERSON  
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■ “If you have a fish tank, you can use the fish tank water to fertilize your rose bushes. I do this, and it’s rich in minerals that the bushes love!”—**A.U. in Alabama**

■ Make your own bed buddy hot pad with a long sock and rice. Use a sock that’s knee high, and fill it about two-thirds with plain, uncooked white rice. Knot it an inch or two from the top of the rice, so it’s nice and loose. Once it’s secure, you can stick the sock into the microwave for 1-2 minutes. The rice heats up and the heat is stored in the rice. It’s wonderful for aches and pains—or just for keeping toes toasty!

■ Shower caps can be placed over a planter and used to make a kind of greenhouse for planting cuttings. Just water and place it in a sun-filled window. Be sure to check it often, be-

cause even though it may be moderate or even cool out, your little greenhouse can get pretty hot with only a few hours of sun.

■ “Loosen tight jeans with a cutting board! First, wash in cold water, then button them around something that’s about an inch wider than the waist, say, a cookie sheet, chair top, cutting board, etc. Air dry. It’s magical.”—**V.L. in New York**

■ “When I was a kid, the side of my yard was soft sand, but it’s where my brother and I kept our bikes. I liked my bike to stand up, because it kept the sand out of my gears. The kick stand was sinking in the sand, and my dad gave me an old tennis ball that he had poked a hole into. I put it on the kick stand, and from then on, it stayed standing up. Thought I would share.”—**M.N. in Florida**

*Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.*



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS  
Classic midcentury dining chairs, paired with wood elements, help create an open, fresh and inviting interior.

1. Look for wood elements. Wood can help to achieve an instant midcentury modern vibe.
2. Purchase classic or vintage elements that are authentic for a midcentury design aesthetic.
3. Create elements of warmth through portable design elements such as toss pillows and throws.
4. Think neutral. Neutral colors such as taupe, cream and soft gray can help create a soothing, calm, midcentury modern vibe.
5. Consider textured materials for upholstery pieces, such as boucle or neutral cotton and even velvet.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS  
Classic, midcentury-inspired acrylic side tables help to create an open and inviting living space.



# Life & Style

## ‘Succession,’ ‘Ted Lasso’ top Emmys; 1st time winners shine

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“Succession” and “Ted Lasso” topped the Emmy Awards on Monday, in a ceremony that touted the influence of TV and extended honors to global sensation “Squid Game” and winners who delivered messages of empowerment.

The evening’s uplifting tone, as voiced especially by Zendaya, Lizzo and Sheryl Lee Ralph, was in contrast to the darkness that pervaded the storytelling of best drama series winner “Succession” and even comedy series victor “Ted Lasso.”

“Thanks for making such a safe space to make this very difficult show,” said Zendaya, claiming her second best drama actress award for “Euphoria,” about a group of teens’ tough coming-of-age.

“My greatest wish for ‘Euphoria’ was that it could help heal people. Thank you for everyone who has shared your story with me. I carry them with me, and I carry them with” Rue, her character, Zendaya said.

“Succession,” about a media empire run by a grasping and cutthroat family, split drama series honors with “Squid Game,” the bold South Korean-set drama about the idle rich turning the poor into entertainment fodder.

Lee Jung-jae of “Squid Game,” who played the show’s moral center, became the first Asian to win the Emmy for best drama series actor.

“Thank you for making realistic problems we all face come to life so creatively on the screen,” Lee said to “Squid Game” creator Hwang Dong-



AP  
Jason Sudeikis accepts the Emmy for outstanding lead actor in a comedy series for “Ted Lasso” at the 74th Primetime Emmy Awards on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

hyuk, who earned the Emmy for best drama series directing. In Korean, Lee thanked the audience in his native country for watching.

Backstage, Hwang said this was “a major moment for us,” and Lee said he expected the awards to open doors for other Asian actors.

Jason Sudeikis and Jean Smart collected back-to-back acting trophies, but several new Emmy winners were minted, with Lizzo and Quinta Brunson and Sheryl Lee Ralph of “Abbott Elementary” collecting trophies.

Brunson, who created and stars in the freshman series, won the Emmy for comedy series writing. ABC’s “Abbott Elementary,” also nominated for best comedy, is a rare bright spot for network broadcasting

in the age of streaming and cable dominance.

Sudeikis won his second consecutive trophy for playing the unlikely U.S. coach of a British soccer team in the comedy “Ted Lasso,” with Smart matching that haul for her role as a veteran comedian in “Hacks.”

Sudeikis gave a rare awards show shoutout to TV consumers: “Thanks to the people who watch this show and dig it as much as we dig making it.”

There was a ripple of reaction in the theater when “Succession” creator Jesse Armstrong mentioned Britain’s new king, Charles III, in accepting the show’s trophy, the cast standing alongside him.

“Big week for successions, new king in the U.K., this for us. Evidently a little bit more voting involved in our win-

WINNERS' LIST

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Partial list of winners for the 2022 prime-time Emmy Awards. For the complete list, visit Emmys.com:

■ Comedy Series: “Ted Lasso”

■ Drama Series: “Succession”

■ Actor, Comedy Series: Jason Sudeikis, “Ted Lasso”

■ Actress, Comedy Series: Jean Smart, “Hacks”

■ Actress, Drama Series: Zendaya, “Euphoria”

■ Actor, Drama Series: Lee

Jung-jae, “Squid Game”

■ Limited or Anthology Series: “The White Lotus”

■ Actor, Limited Series or TV Movie: Michael Keaton, “Dopesick”

■ Actress, Limited Series or TV Movie: Amanda Seyfried, “The Dropout”

■ Supporting Actor, Limited Series or TV Movie: Murray Bartlett, “The White Lotus”

■ Supporting Actress, Limited Series or TV Movie: Jennifer Coolidge, “The White Lotus”

■ Supporting Actor, Comedy Series: Brett Goldstein,

“Ted Lasso”

■ Supporting Actor, Drama Series: Matthew Macfadyen, “Succession”

■ Supporting Actress, Drama Series: Julia Garner, “Ozark”

■ Supporting Actress, Comedy Series: Sheryl Lee Ralph, “Abbott Elementary”

■ Variety Sketch Series: “Saturday Night Live”

■ Variety Talk Series: “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver”

■ Reality or Competition Program: “Lizzo’s Watch Out for the Big Grrrls”

ning than Prince Charles,” Armstrong said. “I’m not saying we’re more legitimate in our position than he is. We’ll leave that up to other people.”

Ralph stopped the Emmy Awards show by accepting the best supporting actress comedy award for “Abbott Elementary” with a brief but rousing song of affirmation.

“I am an endangered species, but I sing no victim song. I am a woman, I am an artist and I know where my voice belongs,” she belted out. She then encouraged anyone doubting their dream “I am here to tell you this is what believing looks like.”

The audience, including Lizzo and many of television’s biggest stars, leapt to their feet to cheer on Ralph.

When Lizzo herself accepted the award for best-competition series trophy for “Lizzo’s Watch Out for the Big Grrrls,” she offered another emotional pep talk.

“When I was a little girl, all I wanted to see was me in the media. Someone fat like me, Black like me, beautiful like me,” the music artist said.

There were also cheers for presenter Selma Blair, who has discussed her multiple sclerosis diagnosis publicly and who used a cane on stage.

“Ted Lasso” co-star Brett Goldstein, won comedy supporting actors, while Matthew Macfadyen of “Succession” and Julia Garner of “Ozark” earned drama series supporting actor honors.

“It’s such a pleasure and privilege for me to play this bonkers gift of a role in this wonderful show,” Macfadyen said in accepting the trophy for his role as a scheming member of a media empire family.

Garner was among the winners who took advantage of covering all bases by thanking her husband and others in an on-screen message.

“The White Lotus” collected

several honors, including best limited or anthology series.

The achievements of “Squid Game,” “Abbott Elementary” and a few other shows didn’t change the relative lack of diversity in this year’s nominations, which included significantly fewer people of color than in 2021.

Host Kenan Thompson kicked off the Emmys with a tribute to TV, dismissing TikTok as “tiny vertical television,” and a musical number saluting series’ theme songs from “Friends” to “The Brady Bunch” to “Game of Thrones.”

Once the music stopped, Thompson provided a mic drop moment—announcing Oprah Winfrey as the first presenter. Winfrey strutted onto the stage holding an Emmy statuette, declaring the night “a party!” The night’s first award went to Michael Keaton for his role in “Dopesick.” Winfrey and Keaton hugged before she handed him his trophy.

## Middle schooler finds it hard to make new friends

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is in eighth grade at a small private school. The problem is, she doesn’t have any friends there. Away from school she makes friends easily. But around classmates she has known for years, she’s quiet and awkward. She isn’t invited to parties or other fun activities. She wants to make friends and join in conversations but doesn’t know how. (I’m no help. I had the same problem at her age.) Her dad and I tell her high school will be easier, but she doesn’t want to wait. Do you have something that might help her?

MOM OF AN OUTSIDER IN MISSOURI

DEAR MOM: By the time seventh grade rolls around, “cliques” have usually solidified, and the members are not generous about admitting outsiders. I agree that things will improve when your daughter gets into high school. As freshmen, everyone starts out on equal footing, and because classes are larger and students are funneling in from other schools, there’s more opportunity to meet new people. I speak from experience. I was excluded when I moved to a new school in seventh grade, and I know how it felt.

The subject of social dexterity has been in my column before because readers of all ages ask about it. It’s important to understand that few individuals are born socially adept. It’s a skill that must be learned, then polished until it becomes second nature. Part of being social is showing

an interest in others. A smile is an excellent icebreaker, and one of the secrets of being charming is being a good listener.

The keys to being liked by both sexes are simple: Be kind. Be honest. Be tactful. Offer a compliment—but only if it’s deserved. Be well groomed, tastefully dressed and conscious of your posture. Confident individuals stand tall. Another useful icebreaker is to ask others what they think and be open to listening to their opinions. Be a good listener and people will think you’re a genius.

I publish a booklet, “How To Be Popular,” for people of all ages. It contains many other useful tips for polishing social skills. You can order one for your daughter by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds), to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

Some people are anxious socially because they become so focused on their own insecurities, it distracts them from reaching out. The solution to that is: Concentrate on the OTHER person. If your daughter tries it, she will find that it works.

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DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers comes to work with different clothes all the time. I overheard her telling another co-worker she buys clothes, hides the tags, then returns them after she wears them. She said she avoids wearing perfume so

## DEAR ABBY

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the clothes don’t “smell.” She also pays cash. In my opinion, this is a form of stealing. Your thoughts?

WORKING WITH A THIEF

DEAR WORKING: I agree with you. While there is nothing you can do about it, it may comfort you to know that when this happens repeatedly, some stores refuse to sell more items to the perpetrator.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



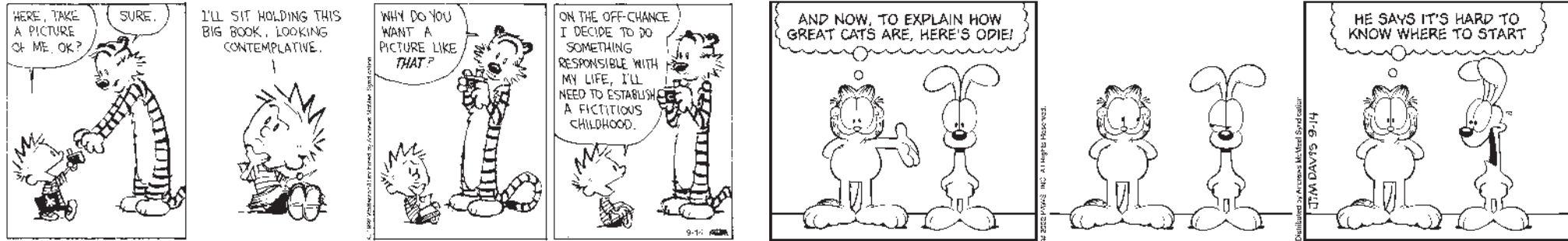
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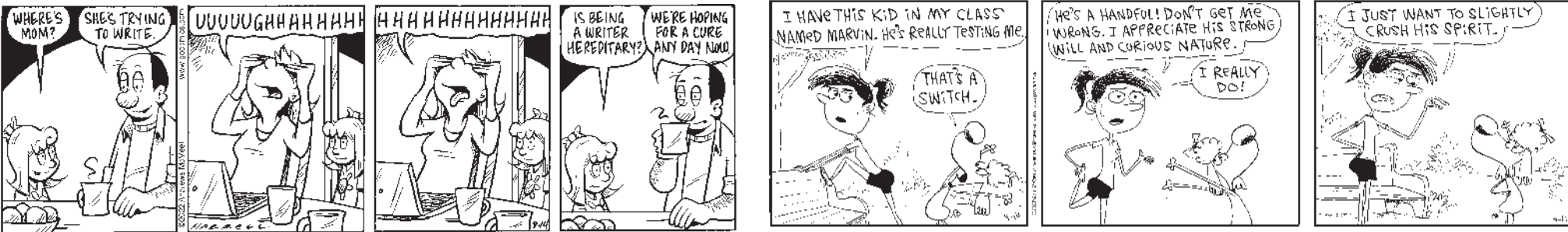


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dilshad Vadsaria, 37; Kimberly Williams-Paisley, 51; Nas, 49; Robert Wisdom, 69.

Happy Birthday: Positive change is within reach. Educational pursuits, a physical move, or participating in something you've never done before will bring you in contact with people who motivate you to use your skills and talents fruitfully. Emphasize what you enjoy doing, and you'll accomplish far more than you expect. Promote yourself and your talents, and you'll make financial gains. Your numbers are 7, 13, 18, 24, 31, 38, 44.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pay attention to detail and avoid a mishap. Decisions you make while under emotional pressure will backfire. Explore the possibilities, but don't commit time or money to something that isn't a sure thing. Dismiss anyone using dynamic tactics to manipulate you.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Size up what's happening in your life. Evaluate your strengths and weaknesses, and adjust your lifestyle to ensure you put your best foot forward and use your skills and gifts to pursue what's important to you. Romance is in the stars.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Present what you have to offer with pizzazz. Pay attention to detail, and you'll make a lasting impression. A partnership will help you bring

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a change and a difference. How you handle contracts, domestic issues and love will determine your happiness. Be bold, say what's on your mind, find out where you stand and act accordingly. It's time to regain control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't feel obligated to do something that doesn't fit into your schedule or help you get what you want. Putting your energy into something that matters to you will improve your home and your livelihood. A financial gain is within reach.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Prepare before you act. Have a plan to prevent mishaps and physical setbacks due to injury or unnecessary health risks. Pay attention to meaningful relationships. Make changes that bring you closer to someone you love.

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SUDOKU

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Last Friday's Answer

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# Seahawks survive Wilson's return, edge Broncos on missed FG

**SEATTLE** (AP)—It was a familiar scene in Seattle: Russell Wilson leading his team downfield for a game-winning score late in the fourth quarter.

This time, he wasn't given a chance by his new coach in Denver, pulled off the field in exchange for a 64-yard field goal attempt that left plenty of confusion and the Seattle Seahawks celebrating an unexpected season-opening, 17-16 victory over the Broncos on Monday night.

With the Broncos facing fourth-and-5 in Seahawks territory with a minute remaining and all their timeouts, coach Nathaniel Hackett opted to let the clock run down to 20 seconds before sending out Brandon McManus to try the low-percentage kick.

"I don't think it was the wrong decision. I think he could make it," Wilson said after his return to the city where he played his first 10 seasons. "Obviously in hindsight, we didn't make it, but if we were in that situation again, I wouldn't doubt what-



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Geno Smith, left, talks with Denver Broncos quarterback Russell Wilson, right, after an NFL football game, Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, in Seattle.

ever he decided."

Geno Smith threw two first-half touchdown passes as the Seahawks' offense started brilliantly in the post-Wilson era. Denver had plenty of chances after halftime but fumbled

twice at the 1-yard line.

Then came the final minute, which raised plenty of questions about Hackett's clock management and decision-making in his debut as a head coach. NFL kickers are 2 for

35 on attempts of 64 yards or more since 1991, according to Sportradar, and McManus' career long is 61 yards.

The kick missed wide left, and instead of Wilson leading the 36th career fourth-quarter

or overtime comeback of his career, the Seahawks celebrated to chants of "Geno! Geno!"

"I was surprised that they took Russ out there," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Denver faced fourth-and-5 at the Seattle 46 after Wilson hit Javonte Williams for a 9-yard gain. McManus said that was the exact spot on the field the offense needed to reach to give him a shot at the kick.

"I wish we would have gotten a lot closer, but it put us in that weird spot there because we were in field-goal range, but we were on that fourth-down situation," Hackett said. "I didn't think we were gonna get that many yards. ... We just made our decision and wanted to take our shot there."

Hackett then used his timeouts while the Seahawks kneeled down, elongating the Seattle celebration.

Smith and the Seahawks did very little offensively in the second half but their first half was good enough. Smith threw a touchdown pass of 38 yards to Will Dissly on the first possession of the season and hit Colby Parkinson for a 25-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

Smith finished 23 of 28 for 195 yards, but was 17 of 18 for 164 yards in the first half.

"For him to go out there and get a win like that shows the confidence we have in him," Seattle wide receiver DK Metcalf said.

Wilson was 29 of 42 for 340 yards and a touchdown. But Denver couldn't overcome its red-zone inefficiency with both Melvin Gordon III and Williams fumbling on plays snapped at Seattle 1-yard line.

"We can run the ball. We can pass the ball. We just

have to be sound in the red zone. That's been our issue," Gordon said.

The Seahawks moved into first place in the NFC West after Arizona, San Francisco and the Los Angeles Rams all lost on Sunday.

Wilson went from being a disputed third-round pick to a franchise cornerstone that helped Seattle to its only Super Bowl title. But his departure this past offseason in a trade to Denver was a messy conclusion to a mostly sparkling career with the Seahawks.

And Seattle fans were ready to let Wilson find out just what it was like to be an opposing QB at the stadium where he enjoyed so many triumphs.

"Just going out there and seeing him in a Broncos jersey was shocking to me," Metcalf said.

Wilson was greeted with lustful, guttural boos every time he stepped on the field from a crowd notorious for making noise. They started in pregame warmups and didn't decrease in volume throughout the victory.

Some signs in the stadium compared Wilson to Alex Rodriguez, who infamously left for a massive contract in Texas early in his baseball career. Others switched around the words from a catchphrase during his time in Seattle, urging the Seahawks, "Let's Cook Russ."

"Tonight was special, just on the other side than I'm used to. But it was still a special environment in a place that I've always loved," Wilson said.

Wilson and the Broncos had plenty of chances to silence the crowd.

Denver ran eight plays inside the Seattle 12 in the third quarter and came away with zero points after the two fumbles.

The Broncos had three more plays inside the Seattle 10 midway through the fourth quarter and still couldn't find the end zone. Denver reached the 3-yard-line but its third false start of the game moved Wilson back to the 8 and he was incomplete on his next two throws. McManus' 26-yard field goal with 6:13 left pulled the Broncos within 17-16.

Seattle safety Jamal Adams suffered what Carroll said after the game was a serious injury to his left quadriceps tendon. Adams limped off the field after nearly sacking Wilson in the first quarter and eventually was driven away on a cart.

Denver lost right guard Quinn Meinerz to a hamstring injury in the first half and cornerback K'Waun Williams to a hand injury in the fourth quarter.

## Cowboys QB Prescott to miss multiple weeks with hand injury

**ARLINGTON, Texas** (AP)—Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott will need surgery for a fractured bone in his throwing hand sustained in the season opener and will miss multiple weeks.

The quarterback got hurt in the fourth quarter of the Cowboys' 19-3 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday night. Prescott's right hand made contact with rushing linebacker Shaquil Barrett when throwing a pass.

Prescott said he initially thought he had just jammed a finger, like he has many times before, but realized on the next play that he couldn't grip the football.

After initially being checked on the sideline, he jogged to the locker room and had X-rays. Backup Cooper Rush finished the game.

"I've hit my hand on helmets or bodies a lot in my career and never had anything, maybe a jammed finger and actually thought that is what it was," Prescott said. "Told the trainers the same thing, I can't grip (the ball), I feel like if you yank it, I'll be OK. Came in and got X-rays, and things are different."

Prescott said he will see a doctor Monday and have surgery after that. He said he was told after the X-rays that



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) is hit by Tampa Bay Buccaneers linebacker Shaquil Barrett (58) while throwing a pass in the second half of a NFL football game in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022.

the injury "was much cleaner than it could have been."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said the injury is above his thumb, and behind the joint, and he pointed to an area between his own thumb and wrist.

Prescott's 2020 season ended in the fifth week because of a gruesome ankle injury. He returned last season to throw for 4,449 yards and 37 touchdowns as the Cowboys won the NFC East before losing their first-round playoff game to San Francisco at home.

The 29-year-old Prescott said he got into the best shape of his life going into this season, his seventh in the NFL.

When there appeared to be

a setback in practice last week, Prescott blamed a change in cleats for soreness in his surgically repaired ankle.

Prescott and the Cowboys are dealing with a bigger issue now, after losing the season opener without scoring a touchdown.

"To be very candid with you, all of that takes a backseat to the fact that as we go forward here for the next few weeks, we'll be going forward without Dak," Jones said. "That's foremost on my mind."

Jones reiterated that while Prescott will be out "several games," he would not be out for the season.

Asked to characterize his emotions, Prescott said while disappointing and unfortunate, injuries are not necessarily anything he can control.

"Obviously going to miss some time and not be there for my team, and that's what hurts more than more than anything especially after the start that we just put out there," Prescott said. "Wanted to be able to respond and not necessarily having that opportunity for several weeks, yeah, it's unfortunate. But I'll do what I've always done any time adversity comes, take it on headfirst and I'll give my best and I'm sure I'll come out of this thing better."



# Trout HR 7th game in a row; Guardians beat Angels, pad lead



CLEVELAND (AP)—

Angels star Mike Trout homered in his seventh consecutive game, one shy of the major league record, but the AL Central-leading Cleveland Guardians beat Los Angeles 5-4 on Monday night.

Trout's 35th homer of the season came in the fifth inning. The three-time AL MVP connected off Konnor Pilkington for a two-run, 422-foot drive to dead center at Progressive Field.

Pittsburgh's Dale Long established the MLB record of eight straight games with a home run in 1956. Don Mattingly of the Yankees matched it in 1987, as did Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. in 1993.

"That's good company to be in," Trout said. "I'm just putting a good swing on the ball and they're going out."

Trout can match the mark on Tuesday night when the Angels continue their series with the Guardians. He said he isn't worried about Cleveland pitching around him.

"I'm going up there ready to hit and whatever happens, happens," Trout said. "I'll come in tomorrow and do the same thing because it's working for me."

Trout is the first AL player with a seven-game home run streak since Kendrys Morales of Toronto in 2018. Cincinnati's Joey Votto homered in seven straight last season from July 24-30.

Amed Rosario doubled home Steven Kwan with the go-ahead run in the seventh for Cleveland, which increased its advantage to three games over the Chicago White Sox and five games over third-place Minnesota.

"We've got some work to do to clinch the thing, but I think we've been working the right way all season," said Guardians catcher Austin Hedges, who hit a two-run double. "We're a team that does get the big hit."

The game featured a strange sequence in the seventh when Cleveland manager Terry Francona and Angels interim manager Phil Nevin were both ejected without a pitch being thrown in-between.

Things got heated in the seventh when Francona argued that Andrés Giménez was hit by a pitch from Ryan Tepera. Francona got ejected by umpire crew chief Ron Kulpa, and when Tepera was denied warmup throws following the delay, Nevin got tossed.

"Truth be told, I don't know what was going through my mind, and I don't like that," Francona said.

Nevin agreed that Francona signaled for a replay challenge

in time, but Kulpa didn't see the gesture. Tepera said both he and Kulpa apologized for their disagreement between innings.

"To me, that was a player safety issue, not allowing Ryan any warmup pitches," Nevin said. "And I didn't understand it."

Kulpa also exited with two outs and two strikes in the ninth after being struck on the mask by a foul ball hit by Matt Thaiss. Second base umpire Carlos Torres replaced him behind the plate.

We weren't aware that (Francona) was holding for us to look at a hit by pitch," first base umpire John Tumpane said in a pool report. "By our protocol, if the pitcher is on the rubber and the batter is in the box, we're moving onto the next pitch."

"Obviously, player safety is paramount, and looking back at it, yes, we would have given (Tepera) some warmup pitches so his safety was not at risk," he said.

Enyel De Los Santos (4-0) worked a scoreless seventh for the win and Emmanuel Clase pitched a perfect ninth for his MLB-best 34th save. Aaron Loup (0-5) surrendered Rosario's RBI double.

The Guardians took a 4-0 lead in the second off Reid Detmers, highlighted by Hedges' two-run double. Tyler Freeman and his fellow rookie, Kwan, had RBI singles.

Pilkington allowed four runs over five innings on his 25th birthday. The left-hander also was touched for a two-run homer by Matt Duffy in the fourth.

Reigning AL MVP Shohei Ohtani went 1 for 3 for the Angels, who are 1-19 on the road against Cleveland since 2015.

The Guardians are in the midst of playing 18 games in a 17-day span, forcing them to adjust their rotation on the fly. Pilkington made his first start since July 23, while they haven't decided who will work the series finale Wednesday.

Right-hander Cal Quantrill, who has a team-best 12 victories, would remain on regular rest if he pitches against the Angels. Cleveland has a makeup game Thursday at home against the White Sox.

"If Cal had his druthers, he'd stay on his fifth day," Francona said.

## Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 0

In Phoenix, Mookie Betts hit a three-run homer, Cody Bellinger added a two-run double and Los Angeles became the first major league team to clinch a playoff spot this season. For real, this time.

The Dodgers thought they had secured a playoff berth



Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout, right, is congratulated by Shohei Ohtani after hitting a two-run home run off Cleveland Guardians starting pitcher Konnor Pilkington during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, in Cleveland.

Sunday after beating the Padres, celebrating with a post-game toast and distributing caps with the postseason logo on them. But then MLB acknowledged Monday it had made a mathematical mistake. This time, there shouldn't be any confusion. The Dodgers won their 97th game of the season and are 54 games over .500.

Tyler Anderson (15-3) and Diamondbacks rookie Ryne Nelson engaged in an impressive pitching duel for the first six innings.

The Dodgers broke through against the D-backs' bullpen in the seventh, loading the bases with no outs against Kyle Nelson (2-1). Trayce Thompson snapped the scoreless tie with a sacrifice fly off Kevin Ginkel and then Bellinger pushed the Dodgers ahead 3-0 with a double into the right-center gap.

Betts homered in the ninth.

## Blue Jays 3, Rays 2

In Toronto, Bo Bichette launched a go-ahead, two-run homer in the eighth inning after being hit by a high fastball in his previous at-bat, leading Toronto past Tampa Bay.

Toronto tied idle Seattle atop the standings for the three wild-card spots. Tampa Bay is a half-game behind.

Bichette connected off Jason Adam (2-3) for his 24th homer. Bichette went 2 for 3 and drove in all three Toronto runs.

In the sixth, Bichette slammed his bat in anger after being hit near his right wrist by a 97 mph fastball from Rays reliever Javy Guerra. After Bichette was hit, Toronto's José Berrios hit Francisco Mejia with his second pitch of the seventh. While the um-

pires huddled before issuing warnings, interim Blue Jays manager John Schneider and pitching coach Pete Walker were seen yelling back and forth with Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash and pitching coach Kyle Snyder.

Tim Mayza (7-0) got one out for the win and Jordan Romano closed it out in the ninth for his 33rd save in 37 chances.

## Rangers 3, Marlins 2, 1st game Marlins 10, Rangers 6, 2nd game

In Miami, rookie Charles Leblanc hit a pair of RBI doubles during an eight-run burst in the fifth inning and Miami earned a split of a day-night doubleheader.

Texas won the opener as Mark Mathias drew a bases-loaded walk to snap an eighth-inning tie.

The Marlins trailed 3-1 in the nightcap before breaking loose. Leblanc's double against reliever A.J. Alexy (1-1) got Miami within one before Jon Berti hit a go-ahead, two-run single. Brian Anderson followed with an RBI single and Garrett Cooper hit a two-run double. Nick Fortes added an RBI single and Leblanc capped the outburst with his second double.

Marcus Semien homered, tripled and singled and Corey Seager hit his 30th homer for the Rangers.

The Rangers cut a 10-3 deficit on Semien's two-out RBI triple and Seager's two-run drive off Bryan Hoening (1-1) in the seventh.

In the first game, Miami reliever Steven Okert (5-3) walked Corey Seager and Adolis García around Nathaniel Lowe's two-out infield single before Mathias reached.

Jonathan Hernández (2-2) pitched 1 2/3 innings to pick up the win. José Leclerc closed with a perfect ninth for his fifth save.

That defeat assured the Marlins (27-41) of a losing season at home, a day after clinching their 23rd sub-.500 record in the club's 30-year history.

## Cubs 5, Mets 2

In New York, Chris Bassitt had his shortest start in three months, failing to get through the fourth inning as NL East-leading New York lost to Chicago.

New York maintained its 1 1/2-game edge over Atlanta, which lost later in San Francisco.

Rafael Ortega homered in the second — the first home run surrendered by Bassitt (13-8) since he gave up Manny Machado's round-tripper July 23, a stretch of 54 1/3 innings — and Zach McKinstry hit a two-run shot in the third before Ortega and Alfonso Rivas each had RBI singles in the fourth.

Bassitt gave up five runs in 3 2/3 innings — his quickest exit since he lasted a season-low 3 1/3 innings against San Diego on July 8.

The Mets stranded 10 runners — including seven over the first six innings against rookie right-hander Javier Assad (1-1), who allowed five hits in earning the first victory of his career. Brandon Hughes got the last five outs for his fifth save.

## Giants 3, Braves 2

In San Francisco, rookie starter Spencer Strider struck out nine over five innings but allowed a season-high nine hits as his winning streak ended

at four, and Atlanta Braves missed a chance to gain ground in the NL East.

Dansby Swanson hit a two-run single with none out in the eighth against Zack Littell, who then induced Austin Riley's double play before Giants manager Gabe Kapler replaced him with Scott Alexander. An angry Littell then had words with the manager, who could be seen shortly after going with the pitcher down the tunnel.

Matt Olson flied out to end the threat.

Strider (10-5) took his first loss in six starts since Aug. 7 at New York. He had won his previous three starts.

Alex Cobb (6-6) struck out seven over seven scoreless innings for the Giants. Alexander finished for his first save.

## Pirates 6, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Rodolfo Castro and Diego Castillo homered in a five-run fifth inning to power Pittsburgh.

Castro hit a three-run home run off Mike Minor in the fifth inning for his eighth of the season. Castillo, who was recalled from Indianapolis before the game, hit a two-run shot — his 11th — to cap the inning.

Aristides Aquino broke an 0-for-8 slide with his eighth home run with a man on to put the Reds on top. The line drive off Bryce Wilson was Aquino's eighth of the season and fourth in his last eight games.

Brian Reynolds started the scoring with his 22nd home run off Minor in the first inning. Minor (4-11) gave up six runs and seven hits in five innings.

Wilson (3-8) left with the bases loaded in the sixth inning with a 6-3 lead. He allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings.

## Astros 7, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Framber Valdez pitched his first career shutout to lead Houston.

Valdez (15-5) posted his 24th straight quality start, tying Mets ace Jacob deGrom (2018) for the longest single-season streak. The All-Star left-hander gave up six hits and struck out eight with one walk.

The Tigers were shut out for the second day in a row and club-record 21st time this season, tying them with the 1973 New York Yankees and 1976 Chicago White Sox for most by a team with a designated hitter.

Jeremy Pena had three hits for the Astros and scored twice.

Tigers starter Eduardo Rodríguez (3-5) allowed five runs on 10 hits and a walk in five innings.



# Tritons goes 5-1 in Clutch Guam Tournament

The last time the Triton Men's Basketball Team played in a Clutch Guam 3X3 Basketball Tournament, they went 0-4 and did not qualify for bracket play, but this weekend in the "Battle For The Rock" Clutch Guam 3X3 Basketball tournament, held in the UOG Calvo Field House, the Tritons went 5-1

and finished tied for third in the 16-team tournament.

The team of Logan Hopkins, Matt Santos, Daryll Robles and Kirston-Lee Guzman went 3-0 on Saturday in pool play to claim the No. 1 seed for Pool D. On Sunday, they opened bracket play against Team Gilas and won 18-9. UOG advanced to the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Matt Santos dribbles against the Affiliates in the UOG Calvo Field House.

quarterfinal round against the Affiliates and defeated them 15-10 to move to the tournament semi-finals.

In the semifinals, the Tritons faced one of their nemesis from the Triton Leagues in the MVPs and lost 22-11 to a team made up of current and former Guam National Team members. The MVPs would go on to win the tournament.

On the women's side of the tournament, the UOG

Lady Trident team finished tied for third in the women's division. The Lady Tridents made up of Lovely Niloobau, Amanda Uncangco, Nicole Pineda and Alaunah Merto finished the round-robin part of play in a three-way tie for fifth place but was declared the fifth place team by the tournament tiebreakers and went to bracket play. The Lady Tridents were 2-6 for the tournament.

The Lady Tridents opened bracket play against No. 4

seed Elements and pulled an upset by beating the Elements 6-5. UOG then moved to the semifinals and played Team Hoops and lost 4-18. The Hoops were the eventual champions of the women's division.

The Trident men's team went 1-2 on Saturday and played the Crossover team in the first round of bracket play and dropped a 7-13 game. The Tridents were

made up of Brandon Dueñas, Issac Snively, Christian Tapay and Cisco Uncangco.

The Lady Triton team finished the tournament 1-5 and was in the fifth-place tie for the final bracket play spot, but due to the tiebreaker procedures, were left out of bracket play. The Lady Tritons were made up of Kat Santos, Myranda Brogger, Rozanna Claros, and Maria Pagdilao. (PR)



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Triton Men's 3X3 Team Logan Hopkins, Matt Santos, Daryll Robles, and Kirston Lee Guzman before their game against the Affiliates in the "Battle For The Rock" Clutch Guam 3X3 Basketball Tournament.



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## CHAMPI

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Villacanas, who is nicknamed after the 2009 typhoon, added that despite his late surge in the points race, he still had doubts if he truly rode hard enough to win the Veterans Class, which was chock full of battle-tested riders.

"The scores were not re-

vealed until the awards night. However, everybody tried to keep track of the scores since the first race. I feel honored having the No. 1 plate. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience," he said.

The 2022 Veteran Class champion said winning this season's points race will also inspire him to allot more time to training at the Cowtown Race Track.

"I will practice more so I will be ready next season. I'm working on my stamina since Boss Cuki [Alvarez] and Boss Dave [Celis] are both very tough and very fast racers. They are the true champions."

Incidentally, Villacanas, Alvarez, and Celis are teammates at Trench Tech Racing.

Lastly, Villacanas dedicated his Veterans Class win to

his wife and family.

"My No. 1 supporter is my wife who has been with me ever since. She always had my back motivating me to do better along with our two kids. I dedicate this No. 1 plate to her and to my kids as well to my Trench Tech Racing family. Having a chance to ride here is one of the best experiences of my life," he said.

Winners of the other

classes of the 2022 Monster Energy Point Series will be

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"David" Kwon is at 2-2, Serin Chung is at 1-3, Savita Sikkell is at 0-4, La Hunn Lam is at 2-3, Nason Wessel is at 2-3, Seun Woo "Henry" Choi is at 1-2, Siwoo Lee is at 1-2, Hoo

Wang is at 2-1, Hannah Chae is at 1-1, and Anna Kwon is at 0-2. The CNMI's boys 12 are 0-3 and the girls 12 players are at 0-4 in doubles

The CNMI junior netters are coached by CNMI sports hall of famer and Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Federation president Jeff Race.

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Taitano completed and which earned him seven RBIs.

Not only was Taitano on a hot streak, the regular hard hitters for the Redmen came to play as well. Ton Pangelinan came just a single shy of hitting a cycle as he had a home run, a double, and a triple.

Pitcher John Diaz put in the work with the bat as well as he hit a home run and had two RBIs, hitting 3-of-4 at-bats. On the pitching side, he struck out four of Momma Charo batters.

Mike Tomokane added one more home run and had a triple, with three RBIs.

The Redmen put up two runs in the first inning, six runs in the second inning, one run in the third inning,

nine runs in the fourth inning, and four runs in the fifth and last inning.

Over in Momma Charo's side, they started the game off with a home run by Barrie Maratita but only managed to put up two runs in the first inning. They couldn't get past the pitches of the Redmen as they came up with goose eggs in two straight innings, managing to put up only four more runs in the final innings.

Maratita and J.J. Laniyo had one home run and two RBIs each and Chico Ilo had one home run and one RBI for Momma Charo.

The Redmen went up to 4-4, while Momma Charo went further down the loser's bracket with a 3-7 record.

## Ngaraard Redmen 20, Sufa 19

Redmen escaped with a win

over Sufa, 20-19 in a hitting match as both teams took turns scoring runs. The former was making up for a rained out match the previous Sunday.

In a game where statistician Ray Palacios got a workout, it seemed like Sufa was on the way to winning as they put up 12 runs in one inning alone.

However, it was a valiant effort as in the end, the Redmen tallied more runs over the course of the innings, with just two runs in the final inning to take the win.

Lefty Shiro started the game inning off with a bang as he hit one home run to get the momentum going for the Redmen. In the end, he piled up two home runs, one triple, one double, and five RBIs, one shy in a day of batters almost completing a cycle.

Jason Reyes, Juan Reyes, Greg Magofna, and John Diaz all had one home run each.

With this win plus the win in the game before, they are now up 5-4, with Sufa at 4-4.

## Sufa 34, Peleliu 29

In this almost never-ending run-filled game, Sufa took the win over Peleliu, 34-29, in their first game of the day.

Audie Maratita, who came back after missing previous games, hit three big ones out of the park out of five hits in his six at-bats, resulting in six runs batted in.

Maratita's teammates put in the work as well as Calvin Deleon Guerrero and Mel Sablan had one home run and three RBIs each. Paul Salalila had two home runs and four RBIs, Pat Deleon Guerrero had two home runs and brought in the most

RBI's which is nine, and Mel Manahane had two RBI's.

Sufa racked up the runs in each inning as they brought in six runs in the first inning, two runs in the second inning, six runs in the third inning with three home runs, six runs in the fourth inning, three runs in the fifth inning, three runs in the sixth inning, and eight runs in the seventh and last inning.

Peleliu had their fair share of hits and runs scored in too but it was short as they fell to Sufa in the last inning, bringing in only one run.

Cartfield Sablan and Charley Kenti had a home run apiece, while Alvin Salas hit two.

With the win, Sufa went up 5-4 with Peleliu at 4-5.

## Tokahao 16, Hagu La'mun 4

Coming off a win last Sun-

day, Hagu La'mun couldn't keep the winning streak alive as they fell to Tokahao, 16-4.

The bats didn't resound in this game for Hagu La'mun as they couldn't get past Tokahao pitcher George David.

Meanwhile, Tokahao blasted eight home runs in the game, three of which were courtesy of Jeff Cruz. Robert Bansil and Jerome Delos Santos had two home runs each, while Marco Peter had one.

Majority of the runs scored by Tokahao were in the second inning with six, as they pulled further away from Hagu La'mun. In the end, Hagu La'mun could only put up four runs and was overpowered by Tokahao.

Tokahao is up ahead in the leaderboard at 6-3 with the victory, while Hagu La'mun fell to 5-4.





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## Champi is champion of Veterans Class

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Lenard “Champi” Villacanas took the competition by storm in the Veterans Class of the 2022 Monster Energy Point Series and wound up with the No. 1 plate during the Marianas Racing Association awards banquet last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

The 41-year-old heavy equipment operator at Construction Materials Supply finished the season strong with victories in the last four races.

Villacanas, who suits up for Trench Tech Racing, edged Dave Celis for the MRA was 17 years old. Nothing 2022 championship after garnering 314 total points. Celis was 4 points off the pace with 310 points, while Melvin Cepeda completed the Top 3 in the Veterans Class with 258 points.

The native of Negros Occidental in the Philippines won the checkered flag in April, May, July, and August. There was no June points race as

MRA had to postpone the event to make way for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022.

“My success in this year’s race was mainly attributed to my love of the sport. I have loved this sport since I was 17 years old. Nothing stopped me even the major accident I had in 2001,” said Villacanas.

That accident came during a race in his hometown’s MassKara Festival and resulted in the then 20-year-old Villacanas ending up in a coma at a hospital for three days on account of a head injury.

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Lenard “Champi” Villacanas, middle, shares the Veterans Class podium with Trench Tech Racing teammate Dave Celis, left, and Melvin Cepeda, during 2022 Monster Energy Point Series awards banquet last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

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Irin Chung, who was granted a wildcard entry to the 2022 Pacific Oceania Juniors Championship, is currently perfect in the 14-and-under girls singles division.

She made it three wins in a row yesterday in Group C at the Regional Tennis Center in Lautoka, Fiji after beating Samoa’s Dora Moors, 6-2, 7-6.

Last Monday, Sept. 12, Chung got the better of Vanuatu’s Ashanti Ligo, 6-3, 7-6.

In her first game last Sunday, Chung outlasted Guam’s Leila Mercado in three sets, 3-6, 6-4, 12-10.

In other results, fellow wildcard entry, June Yu, has so far won two of his three matches.

He debuted in the boys 14-and-under in Group A with a loss to Tahiti’s Keanu Lei Foc, 3-6, 2-6.

He, however, came back strong by defeating Ao Li of Australia, 6-3, 6-2.

In his third game, he played

## Irin leads the pack in Fiji



Chung

against countryman Si Woo Lee, and took the win in three sets, 5-7, 6-1, 10-3.

The 2022 POJC marked both netters’ debut in the regional tournament for juniors.

Chung and Yu, both the CNMI’s top-ranked 14-year-olds in the sport, were upset by their teammates and missed the Top 4 in the recent 2022 Northern Pacific Regional Championships in Guam.

Aside from Irin and June, 15 CNMI bets made the cut in the 2022 POJC which include boys 16-and-under’s Minsoo “David” Kwon, girls 16’s Serin Chung and Savita Sikkel, boys 14’s La Hunn Lam, Nason Wessel, Seung Woo “Henry” Choi, and Siwoo Lee, girls 14’s Hoo Wang, Hannah Chae, and Anna Kwon, boys 12’s Yutaka Kadokura, Ian Chae, Ryan Choi, and Jihun Park, and girls 12’s Lina Tsukagoshi.

In the standings, Minsoo

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## Ngaraard Redmen pelts Momma Charo, 22-7

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Ngaraard Redmen defeated Momma Charo, 22-7, in a rare double playdate for the team in the men’s division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

It was a run-ruled game that lasted only until the fifth inning as Redmen pelted the opposition with hit after hit, with John Taitano completing the first cycle of the season.

A cycle in baseball and softball is when a batter hits a single, a double, a triple, and a home-run in one game, which

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A Ngaraard Redmen batter eyes and swings at a pitch by Momma Charo pitcher Leo Bobai in the men’s division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.